

**2018
Calendar**

**3/01 LMG
Board Meeting,
4:30 Ext. Office**

**3/3 LMG
Work Day in
the City
Garden.
Planting and
digging.**

**3/8 LMG
Public
Speaker
Mtng,
6:30: Daniel
and Zhitong
Greenwell,
"Longwood
Gardens".
6:00
membership
meeting.
HARRIS
BAPTIST
CHURCH, 300
Center St.**

**4/20
Lexington MG
"Sowing
Seeds for the
Miracles of
Tomorrow"
\$55, 8:30-
3:30
Lcmgv.org**

**4/21 LMG
Plant Sale, 8-4
Uptown
Market.
Divide your
plants now.
Cash or
checks only.**

**4/21 Native
Plant Sale,
Greenville,
9:30-1,
Conestee
Park**



MARCH 2018! CO-PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello to all! We had a very good turnout at the LMG banquet on the 8th of February. New board members for 2018 were introduced and thanks given to the outgoing members. The outgoing officers leave some big shoes to fill. We're sure their enthusiastic replacements will continue the great work past board members have worked so hard to achieve.

Master Gardener certificates were given to the members of the 2016 class who completed their requisite 40 hours of volunteer work. Their efforts at the greenhouse, planting and propagating new plants for the topiary displays, contributed to the success of the festival of flowers.

The new class of interns from the class of 2017 were introduced and given their lanyards and name tags. Two of the newly minted MG'ers will be serving as board members for 2018. Melinda Finchum will be serving as Vice president and Sarah Bradley is our new secretary. Our new treasurer is Summer Booker, an intern!

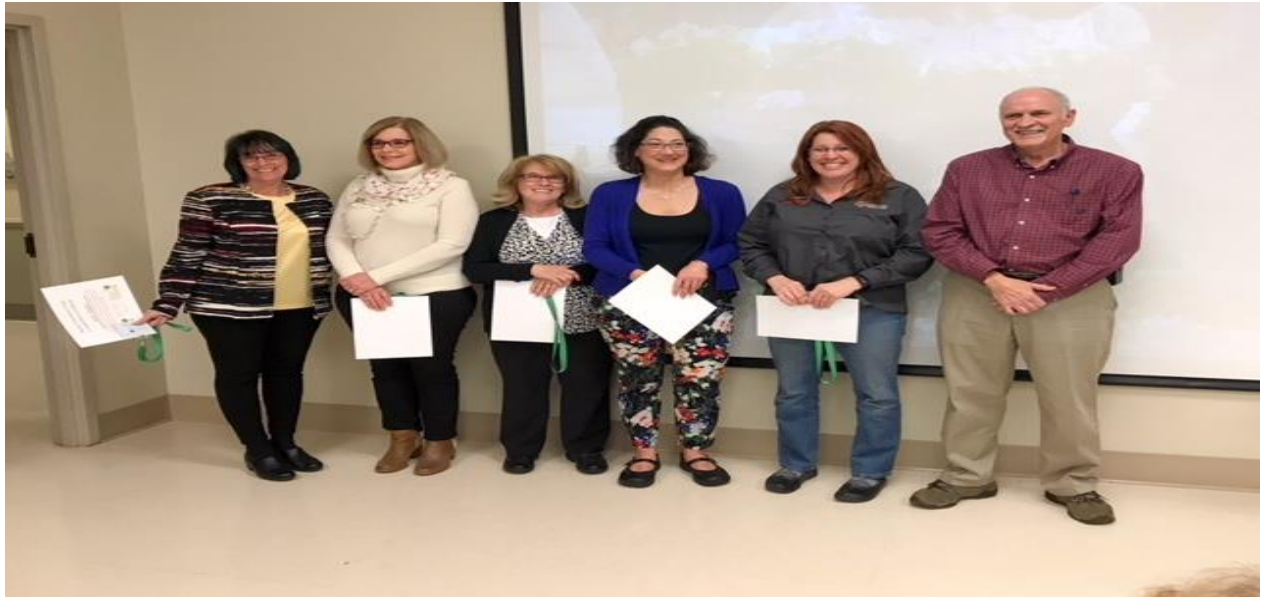
We plan to carry on the tradition of helping where we can to make Greenwood a more beautiful place for visitors as well as residents to enjoy and be proud of and assist as we can in educating others on the joy and benefits of gardening.

At home we have much to do readying our raised beds and clean-up of flower beds from last year. Hopefully we won't get another killing cold spell like last year. We are excited to get our new gardens started and working with all our LMG friends. We have a busy year ahead of us with the plant sale in April approaching rapidly as well as ongoing and new projects in the community. A few details are still being finalized and volunteers lined up, but we hope it is as successful as in the past. – Donna and Wally Sears

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET Sarah Bradley, Julie Ciezadlo, Jan Coffey, Ernestine Colson, Bob Koch, Lillian Moneyhun, Eileen Webber, and Marsha Whittington celebrate their new full-fledged status at the Annual Banquet in February.



4/28
Greenville
Master
Gardener
Plant Sale 8-1
Roper Mt.
Science
Center. Cash
or checks.



Gail Angus, Summer Booker, Carol Mitchell, Mara Schwartz and Annette Whitley receive their certificates for passing the test.



Ann Barklow is crowned Master Gardener of the Year, (or even the Decade), after revolutionizing the Master Gardener community in Greenwood. As President, she oversaw the writing of By-Laws and the incorporation of the group. She solidified the family of gardeners with weekly workdays at the City Greenhouse, which enabled us all to get to know each other better. Despite grueling hours beautifying Greenwood, she also became a social media tour de force, and never ceases to share her experience in the many horticultural areas that amuse her.

Free and open to the public!!

Calling all Master Gardeners and Friends!

Please join the Lakeland's Master Gardeners on

Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 PM

at the Harris Baptist Church
300 Center Street, Greenwood, SC

*A Look Behind the
Scenes
at Longwood Gardens*

With Horticulturists Daniel and Zhitong Greenwell



For information please contact: Donna Sears 864-943-1840



General Membership meeting beginning promptly at 6:00 PM

FERGUS GARRETT SPEECH DRAWS MASTER GARDENERS FROM FAR AND WIDE



Fergus Garrett, John Elsley, and Ted Stephens prove Latin is not a dead language.

Fergus Garrett spoke fluent botanical Latin, describing how he uses succession planting in his famous garden, Great Dixter. I left vowing to use more bulbs and ornamental grasses to increase year round interest in my borders. He pointed out that observing plants that work well in our local area and then packing them in as groundcovers and upper layers will give us a more Dixteresque garden. He loved his day in Greenwood, commenting that it was a joy to see so many people passionate about their plants. Afterwards, John Elsley (alumnus of Wayside Garden) and Ted Stephens (Nursery Caroliniana) entertained him for lunch at John's garden.

THURSDAYS WITH THE BAND OF MERRY PROPAGATORS





NEONICOTINOIDS BEING PHASED OUT MANY PLACES- Chris Ester source, excerpted by Sandy Orr

Neonicotinoids have increasingly been tied to problems for pollinators. They are neuro-active agents chemically similar to nicotine. Honey bees and even native bees have shown to have foraging and reproductive impairment due to these insecticides. They exist as soil drenches, sprays, systemic insecticides, and granules. They are in the systems of plants that are treated with these chemicals, and therefore are added to our gardens even though we are not using the chemicals ourselves. (One must ask, if nictinoids are fatal to pollinators, how is nicotiana, both ornamental and commercial tobacco pollinated?) Some of the chemical names of these neonics to avoid are imidacloprid, acetamiprid, dinotefuran, clothianidin, and thiamethoxam. Both Home Depot and Lowe's have pledged to stop selling neonic-treated plants by the end of 2018 and 2019, respectively. Last year, Walmart, Costco and True Value announced that they are beginning to phase out neonicotinoid-treated plants.

For more information:

<https://nwf.org/Home/Magazines/National-Wildlife/2018/Feb-Mar/Gardening/Nixing-Neonics>

Ann's Corner- Ann Barklow, (Sandy Orr commentary)

Ann Barklow is working part time as a consultant on pollinators for Park Seed. You can follow her on Park Seeds Blog at <https://blog.parkseed.com>

She has three blogs up already: What is a Pollinator?, What's all the Buzz about Pollinators?, and finally, The Changing Landscape. The next blog will be "The Emotional Garden." (Sandy is getting all verklempt thinking about it.)

Our local Jackson and Perkins launched a Landscape Design Project. Ever wonder who can design your Pollinator Friendly Garden and Monarch Waystation? Looks like Jackson and Perkins nailed it! They are currently working on a new construction landscape in Donalds, SC. Can't wait to see it unfold! Go to the website for more details:

Podcasts: If you are thinking of starting your own tomatoes this is a must see. I will be starting mine today! Keep track of your continuing education hours after you watch this.

<https://www.growinggreenerworld.com/episode-803-epic-tomatoes/>

Ann's theory about raking fire ant mounds to disturb the colony is being debated by Joe Lamp'l and Jeff Gilman. (Garden Professor blog) and received a confirmation email. " Yes, that night at dinner with Jeff, I asked him about the fire ants. He concurs about creating a disruptive environment. Basically driving them off by making their home so inhospitable. It also exposes the queen and if you can get the queen taken out, game over. Thanks Ann.

Joe Lamp'l

Creator & Executive Producer: Growing a Greener World®

Ann is running with the big dogs now.

2018 PLANT SALE UPDATE - Ann Barklow

The 2018 Plant Sale Committee held their first meeting Monday, January 29 at 1PM at Fat Daddy's BBQ Restaurant. Those present were: Co-Chairs Summer Booker and Jan Coffey, along with members Donna Sears, Wally Sears, Andrea Lockwood, Shirley Pate, and Sandy Orr.

There are several changes to this year's sale – most notably a change in the venue as well as the sale will take place **ONE DAY ONLY**. Here's important info for your calendar:

Date of Sale: Saturday, April 21

Time of Sale: 8 AM – 4 PM

Place of Sale: Uptown Open-Air Pavilion on Maxwell Avenue

PLEASE DONATE TO THIS – OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

We need your donation of at least 10 potted plants (plants in pots – any size – identified with a label – the more info the merrier!

LEMON BLUEBERRY CAKE RECIPE (from Annual Banquet) Jimmy McInville

For the Lemon Blueberry Cake:

- 3 cups cake flour + 2 tablespoons cake flour, divided
- 22 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoons salt
- 8 ounces unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon organic lemon zest
- ¾ cup whole milk
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 cups wild blueberries, frozen or fresh

For the Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened

- 8 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 4-6 cups confectioners' sugar (depends on sweetness desired, I used 5 cups)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon organic lemon zest
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice

For the Assembly:

- Lemon slices
- Fresh blueberries
- Edible flowers (optional)

Instructions

Make the Lemon Blueberry Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 350. Butter and lightly flour three 8" round pans. Line with parchment paper circles.
2. Sift together 3 cups cake flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
3. In a small bowl, combine milk and lemon juice. Stir to combine and set aside for milk to curdle. This is similar to making homemade buttermilk!
4. In the bowl of a mixer, beat butter and sugar on medium-high using paddle attachment. Beat until pale and fluffy, about 4 minutes.
5. With the mixer on low, add eggs one at a time. Mix well after each egg.
6. Add vanilla extract and lemon zest. Mix to combine.
7. Add the flour mixture in three batches, alternating with the milk, beginning and ending with the flour mixture. Do not over mix. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl.
8. In a small bowl, gently toss blueberries with 2 teaspoons cake flour to coat. Using a spoon or spatula, gently fold blueberries into batter, being careful not to break berries.
9. Divide batter evenly between the three 8" round pans.
10. Bake for 30 – 33 minutes, until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.
11. Let cool in pans for 10 – 15 minutes, then remove to wire rack to finish cooling.

Make the Cream Cheese Frosting

1. Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, mix the butter and cream cheese until smooth.
2. Add vanilla, lemon zest and juice and mix until combined.
3. Gradually add confectioners sugar, adjusting amount until desired sweetness is reached. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Whip until smooth.

Notes:

- If using frozen blueberries in the cake, do not thaw before mixing into the cake batter. Avoid over mixing once the berries are added to prevent the cake batter from turning grayish-purple from their juices.
- If frosting is too thin after whipping, refrigerate for 30 minutes before assembling cake.
- I found this recipe online at thecakeblog.com

FOURTH QUARTER HOURS FOR MASTER GARDENERS- Linda Halsey

Alvarez, Sharon	131		Martin, Suzie	53	
Angus, Gail	58		McInville, Jimmy	429	
Barklow, Ann	180		Martin, Suzie	53	
Bender, Susan	190		Moneyhun, Lillian	68	

Blair, Cora	74		Morelock, Elizabeth	40	
Botts, Fred	76		Orr, Sandra	168	
Bradley, Sarah	48		Pate, Shirley	41	
Brown, Mike	46		Plotczyk, Vincent	96	
Ciezaldo, Julie	80		Sears, Donna	60	
Coffey, Jan	148		Sears, Wally	51	
Colson, Michelle	45		Sowell, Sarah	60	
Edwards, Sherry	201		Webber, Eilene	40	
Ester, Chris	52		Wells, Barbara	213	
Feldmaier, Donna	136		Whittington, Marsha	156	
Finchman, Melinda	49		Wilson, Rusty	49	
Halsey, Linda	139		Yarochowicz, Gene	62	
Hecox, Sarah	41				

First Quarter Hours/Contacts/Miles are due March 15
Please send them to Linda at halseyfarm@embarqmail.com

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.

March 7 Paul Thompson *Correcting Structural Issues Early in a Tree's Life: A Demonstration.*

March 21 Barbara Smith *How to Plant a Succulent Container Garden.*

April 4 Andrew "Drew" Jeffers *Integrated Pest Management for the home garden.*

April 18 Jackie Jordan *Working with warm season grasses.*

May 2 Vicky Bertagnolli *Putting out the fire! Fire ant biology and management*

May 16 Patricia Scharko *Small backyard ruminants.*

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.

Special Workshop

March 6, 13, 20 Mark Arena *The art and science of proper pruning. This three part series will cover both the science and practical application of pruning. Participants will conduct hands on pruning all will be required to bring their pruners in order to participate. Location: Hayden Conference Center Cost: \$30 (10% discount members)Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.*

Lakelands Master Gardener Board/Committee Chairs

Executive Committee

Co Presidents: Donna and Wally Sears

Vice Presidents: Melinda Fincham

Treasurer: Summer Booker

Secretary: Sarah Bradley

Past President: Jimmy McInville

General Board Members

Community Projects: Sherry Edwards

Education: Linda Halsey and Wally Sears

Membership: Donna Feldmaier

Plant Sale/Fund Raising: Jan Coffey and Summer Booker

Public Relations: Jan Coffey

Website: Shirley Pate

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Clemson Advisor: James Hodges

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Facebook: Marla Starling and Mary Jane Vivas

Newsletter: Sandy Orr

Office: Linda Halsey

Social: Candace White

