

2015 DATES

11/12 Speaker and membership meeting, Janet Ledebuhr, "Garden Blogging, the Why, the How, and the Fun"
Gwd Library 6:00 Membership Meeting 6:30 Speaker

12/10 6:30 Board Xmas party at Donna Feldmaier's

2/13 G'vl MG'ers Symposium 8-3 TD Convention Center
www.gqmgqa.org

2/27 York Co. MG'ers Symposium 8-3 Baxter Hood Cntr, Rock Hill, symposium@yorkmg.org



President's Letter-Donna Feldmaier

Wow, it is hard to believe that I am really writing the November article. This time of year the Lakeland Master Gardeners have a lot to think about.

I hope everyone is turning in their volunteer hours. Linda Halsey, is anxiously waiting to hear from all of us. Please remember that LMG membership/speaker meeting , working uptown and at the greenhouse, giving neighbors advise, helping with social events, working in the city garden or at the Burton Center, along with your travel time counts toward your hours. Also, do not forget that serving on the board or on a committee counts!

Speaking of serving on the board or on a committee, it is that time of the year to think about serving.

Very soon the nominating committee will be getting together. This year we are hoping that every committee chair will have a co-chair. That way the co-chair can take over being the chair the following year, easing a lot of "what am I supposed to do" concerns.

It is also the time to nominate the 2015 Master Gardener of the Year. In order to be considered for this award, the Master Gardener must be in good standing (paid dues). The Master Gardener of the year cannot be a current officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). The Master Gardener must meet most of the following criteria:

- Attendance at meetings (board, general and committee)
- Has been a Member or Officer
- Assists with the Master Gardener Class
- Has been a Committee Chair
- Community project participation
- Worked and supplied plants for the Plant sale
- Office volunteering
- Mentoring

- Newsletter Submission
- Presented a program for general meetings
- Speaking engagements
- Website and Facebook updates

Please consider thoughtfully and send me the name of the person that you would like to nominate.

I would like to show appreciation to one of our new students, Ruby Romaine. Ruby started working at the Burton Center with weeding and deadheading. She was asked if the Master Gardeners would consider helping design new beds. Ruby has turned in soil samples and helped the Burton center with filling two project forms. A lot of volunteer opportunities are heading our way. Ruby you are awesome!

Our next speaker meeting is November 12 at the Library. Janet Ledebuhr will be speaking on garden blogging. Please read the attached flyer and plan on attending. Janet is an outstanding speaker.

Have you paid your membership dues? If not, please bring your check and form to the November meeting or mail to Melody McInville, 345 Klugh Rd, Abbeville, 29620 as soon as possible!

Thank you again for everything you all do for this wonderful organization. We have volunteered over 1000 hours to the city Greenwood in 2015. Pretty amazing.

See you November 12,

Donna

Remaining Schedule for 2015 Master Gardener Classes

November 3	Pest Mgmt. – Organic methods Problems analysis	Ann Barklow	Some Chapt. 9 8 and 19	
Nov 10	Fruit Gardening	Odom Hodges	Chapter 17	
November 17	<u>Final Exam</u> , committee signups, short program pruning	MG Assoc. Hodges	Some pruning examples Chpt 12 plus	
*Outside Trip	Doris' Greenhouse	Highway34 toward 96	Carpool Shorter session	Light refreshments

**NOVEMBER 12th
6:30 pm**

**At the
Greenwood County Library**

ADMISSION IS FREE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



The Lakelands Master Gardeners Present:
**GARDEN BLOGGING: The Why,
The How and The Fun**
By: Janet Ledebuhr

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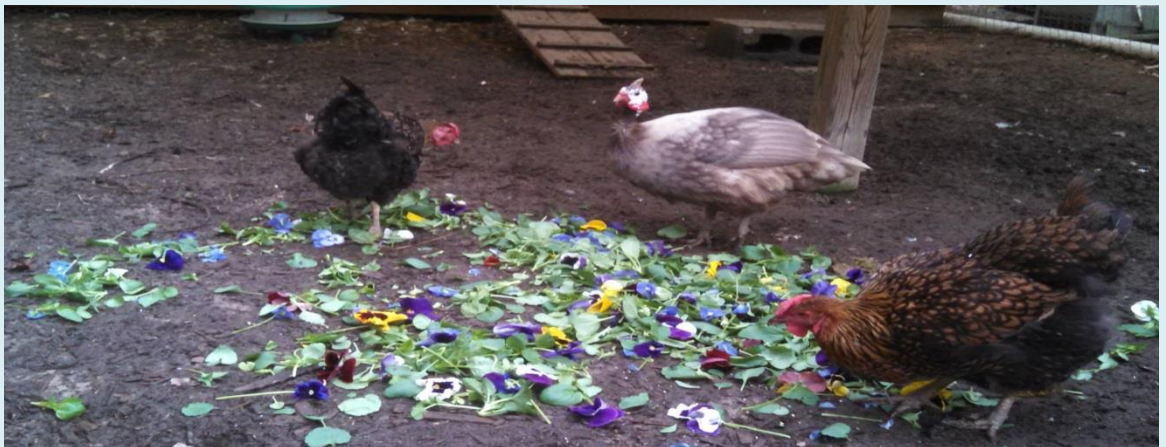
Janet has been a garden blogger since 2008, exploring the world wide web with the assistance of other bloggers including her sister. Getting to know garden bloggers all over the world has been fun. It is great to have virtual tours of someone's garden that lives across the country or across the Atlantic. Getting to know the gardeners is an added bonus. Janet took the Master Gardener course in both Virginia and in South Carolina, building a knowledge base that increases with blogging. As an Army spouse Janet has gardened in Texas, Germany, Florida and Virginia before coming to South Carolina.

LMG Membership Meeting at 6:00 p.m

UPTOWN FUN with ANN BARKLOW- Join us every Thursday from 9-11 at the greenhouse.



Mary Jane Vivas' chickens enjoy 9,000 deadheaded pansies from greenhouse



Show Us Your Topiaries - Sandy Orr

Chris Crowder, the head gardener of Levens Hall in Cumbria, England visited Greenwood two years ago. Levens Hall's evergreen sculptures are over 300 years old and it is the Mecca for British garden designers. At Chris's invitation some SC master gardeners visited Levens Hall. Just prior to our visit, Prince Charles started a topiary at Levens. Not to be outdone, I started one in back of our golf clubhouse when I got back from the trip. If any other LMG'ers would like to have a whack at topiarizing, I will be sending Chris pictures of our efforts to illustrate that Levens Hall has gone viral. Of course there will also be some pictures of the Festival of Flowers topiaries in the mix.



Levens Hall Tophat, 300 years old , 24 ft. tall

Patriot Golf Club, 2 years old, 10 ft. tall

A Survey of Some Popular Bloggers to Prepare for the LMG Nov 12 Meeting

I read some of my favorite garden bloggers to find out what interests them in the fall. Quite a bit of it involves food. There are so many ways to use the fall harvest. Figs can be dried or made into whiskey infusions. Parsley, Chives, and other herbs can be frozen. Cranberries can be pickled, and lemons preserved. The fall/winter garden still yields parsley, chard, and mustard.

Plant nerds blog about the magic of moss and native plants vs. exotics. Several varieties of mulhlenbergia grass are discussed in a popular blog, and plants that resist the juglone of black walnut trees are featured in another. The top ten trees for fall color are listed for readers and plans for nest box predator guards are detailed elsewhere. As you can see, it's fun to wander the blogosphere. You might google on the top ten gardening blogs and get entranced to prepare for Janet Ledebuhr's meeting Nov. 12. I particularly like "studio g", "A Way to Grow", and of course, the "Queen of Seaford" at queenofseaford.blogspot.com. I love her idea of taking a picture of your house every year on the date of purchase or completion to log the changes in the landscape. (hopefully improvements).- Sandy

Check one: Renewal New Member/Transfer

Please renew your MG membership by completing this form and paying your dues for the coming calendar year. **Members who pay dues by October 31st will be included in the Lakelands Master Gardener Association Membership Directory** and will receive uninterrupted membership benefits. Lifetime Members, please update your contact info and indicate your interests for the coming year.

Master Gardener Membership Dues are \$20.00

**Make your check payable to Lakelands Master Gardener Organization (LMGO) and mail to:
Melody McInville
345 Klugh Rd.
Abbeville, SC 29620**

Membership dues are due by October 31st of each year.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone# - Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Year Graduated MG Program: _____ Transfer? (Y/N) _____ From: _____
(Year 40 hours were completed)

Check here if you do **not** wish to be listed in the directory.

Special Instructions for publishing personal data in directory:

Please indicate at least one committee(s) you are interested in working with:

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| _____ Community Projects | _____ Membership | _____ Plant Sale |
| _____ Education | _____ Clemson Ext office | _____ Web Site |
| _____ Face Book Page | _____ Newsletter | _____ Social Activities |
| _____ Fund Raising | _____ Programs & Speakers | _____ Topiary/greenhouse |
| _____ Home & Garden show | _____ Public Relations | _____ Mentoring |
| _____ Citizen Pruners | _____ Community Voucher Distr | _____ Community Garden |

Suggested topics/activities for the meetings or continuing education: _____

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_____ Date Membership list updated

Lakelands Master Gardener Board

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Executive Committee

President: Donna Feldmaier

Vice President: Barbara Wells

Treasurer: Melody McInville

Secretary: Chris Moon

Past President: Sandy Orr

General Board Members

Community Projects: Jimmy McInville and Sue Monaghan

Education: Linda Halsey

Membership: Betsy Russ

Plant Sale/Fund Raising: Sandy Orr

Programs/Speakers: Bill Aaron

Public Relations: Olivia Reynolds and Chris Cornetto

Website/By-Laws: Chuck Bender

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Facebook: Mary Jane Vivas and Marla Starling

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