



Master Gardener Thymes



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October 2011

GREAT TURN OUT FOR "THE FERN LADY"

By Patti Larson

Thursday September 8th, we hosted a presentation by Eleanor Craig --better known as "the Fern Lady".

Approximately 50 people attended the presentation. She offered four ferns as door prizes and had various ferns available for sale afterward.



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The web site to view her information and the purchase the many ferns she has to offer is:

www.fernridgefarms.com .

Lakelands Master Gardeners Intern Class 2011

We want to welcome the 2011 intern class of Master Gardeners and thank their mentors.

- Toni Able– Nancy Collins,
- Lynsey Bock– Ann Barklow
- Mary Jo Cook–Sandra Johnson
- Doug Crawford– Dwight Long
- Priscilla Ellis– Nicole Ellis
- Glorietta Jones– Catherine Swindell
- Beth Osteen– sue Monaghan
- Ann Stoddard– Patti Larson
- David Thompson– Stu Menaker
- Sharon Grooms– Sandy Stachurski
- Jeremiah Grooms– Steve Maxwell



Dates to Remember:

- NOV. 10TH, 6 PM **BOARD MEETING– BUDGET MEETING**
- DEC. 8TH, 6:30 PM **CHRISTMAS PARTY GREENWOOD METRO BUILDING**

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- JAN. 12TH 6 PM **BOARD MEETING**
- FEB. 9TH, **RECOGNITION DINNER**
- MARCH 8TH, **BOARD MEETING 6 PM**
- APRIL 12TH, **SPEAKER MEETING**
- MAY 10TH, **LMG PICNIC**
- JUNE 14TH, **BOARD MEETING**
- JULY 12TH, **SPEAKER MEETING**
- AUGUST 9TH, **BOARD MEETING**
- SEPTEMBER 13TH, **SPEAKER MEETING**
- OCTOBER 11TH, **BOARD MEETING**
- NOVEMBER 8TH, **SPEAKER MEETING**
- DECEMBER 13TH, **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Lakelands Master Gardeners Association is a volunteer organization made up of Master Gardeners from Abbeville and Greenwood Counties in SC.

****The Awards Dinner is now in Feb....for 2010 Graduates, 2011 MG Interns, and recognition for all LMG and hours volunteered.****

ATTENTION...ATTENTION...ATTENTION

Just a reminder...your membership dues are DUE this month! Yes, this is a change beginning this year.... It takes many hours to put our Directory together every year. Help us out and get your money in before October 15th to be included in the Directory. A form is included below. Thanks to those members that have already sent in their dues...

Lakelands Master Gardener Association

Membership Renewal

Check one: Renewal Lifetime Member Update New Member/Transfer

Please renew your MG membership by completing this form and paying your dues for the coming year. Members who pay dues by October 15th 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: (Select your Membership Category by checking)

- Individual, 59 years old and under \$ 15
- Individual, 60+ years old \$ 10
- Married couple, 59 and under \$ 20
- Married couple, 60+ \$ 15
- Individual, Lifetime Membership \$ 125

Make your check payable to Lakelands Master Gardener Association and Mail to:

Patti Larson
325 Nautical Way
Greenwood, SC 29649

Membership dues are due by October 15th of each year.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

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

E-Mail Address: _____

Year Graduated MG Program: _____ Transfer? (Y/N) _____ From: _____

- Check here if you do **not** wish to be listed in the directory.
- Special Instructions for publishing personal data in directory:

Please indicate the committee(s) you are interested in working with: (Number from most important to least important)

_____ Community Projects	_____ Membership	_____ Public Relations
_____ Education	_____ MG Office	_____ Social Activities
_____ Finance & Fund Raising	_____ Newsletter	_____ Web Site
_____ Phone	_____ Programs and Speakers	

Suggested topics/activities for the meetings or continuing education:

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Extension Programs Offered This Fall

By James F. Hodges

Fall Gardening Program Greenwood Library

On Thursday, October 6th at 6:30PM in the Greenwood library meeting room, Clemson Extension will conduct a program on "Tasks for fall in the Garden". We will discuss putting the summer garden to bed, composting, soil management, cool season vegetables for container or protected gardens spring preparation. The program is free to the public.

FCL "Southern Christmas Show"

On Tuesday, November 15th The Greenwood County (FCL) will have their annual bus trip to Charlotte for the Southern Christmas Show. Tickets are \$38 and information on the all day event can be obtained by calling 223-2806 or by picking up a flier from the Clemson Extension office on East Cambridge Avenue. Reservation checks can be mailed to Greenwood County FCL, 106 Clark Ave., Greenwood, SC 29649.

Urban Tree Project

By James Hodges

I will continue to work on this project with Dr. Bob Polomski of Clemson this fall. We have been modifying the measurement sheets that were tried and tested during several outings at the library and with Clemson Arboriculture class students. Dr. Polomski and I have applied for grants, or will this fall to aid in utilizing the evaluation forms and begin to do educational programs on street trees and develop additional programming for Master Gardeners, other interested volunteers and tree care personnel. Our goals for the Urban Tree project:

1. Continuing education for Master Gardeners and work experience on trees.
2. An advanced urban tree course is part of the grant application for Master Gardeners and other volunteers.
3. Collecting information on newly planted urban trees over time with photos, repeated measurements and evaluations. Part of the evaluation will be examination of developing problems and treatment prescriptions.
4. Develop best management practices for new trees. Use this information in future teaching and outdoor programs for Master Gardeners, the public and professional landscape and tree care people.
5. The size and scope of the project will be expanded if grant funds are available for more equipment and educational materials for the Advanced Urban Tree 5- week course.
6. Volunteer hours will be available for this work.



Let me know by email: jmhodge@clemson.edu or phone 223-3264 x 116 if you are still interested. I will keep everyone informed about plans for late fall and spring.

Fall Webworm

By James Hodges

Many around the Lakelands have the same problem with webworm as I do. Some trees appear to be wrapped almost entirely with webs. The webs contain fall webworms, a pest that attacks more than 120 varieties of fruit, shade and woodland trees. Among their favorites are apple, peach, pecan, birch, and persimmon.

Although the webs are unsightly, they usually do little serious long-term damage to plants and trees because the defoliation is late in the year and usually not a high percentage of the tree foliage is removed. Even though there are insect sprays that could be used, it is impractical for most homeowners to spray pesticides on large trees.

For small trees, webworm nests can be cut with a pruning pole and destroyed. Don't try to burn the nests out of trees. Several serious fires have been started by people using a burning gasoline covered rag on the end of a 20 foot pole to torch the little worms. The damage caused to the tree from the fire may be more than that caused by the insects.



An ornamental cherry tree suffers from an attack of fall webworm in Greenwood



The caterpillars use the web as a protection from predators.

Aster Yellows Is Not A Color

By Janet Ledebuhr

While looking through my garden a couple weeks ago I noticed some strange growth patterns on my Helenium, Sneezeweed. I had seen this before. What looks like a mutation is caused by a phytoplasma, called Aster yellows. It is a viral disease that is spread by insects in the garden, primarily the leafhopper. The



leafhopper is a sucking insect and this disease is transmitted by the saliva into the plant phloem.

The plant, once infected is infected for its lifespan. The phytoplasma slows down the growth of the plant causing deformed growth on leaves and irregular growth patterns on the flower heads. Another symptom is chlorosis where the veins are green and the rest of the leaf is yellow.



Aster yellows can spread to many ornamentals; Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Asters, Snapdragons, petunias, marigolds, and chrysanthemums. Edibles are also affected by this disease. Lettuce leaves are contorted and curled, carrots have hair-like roots and are bitter. Other food crops affected are tomatoes, celery, and grains.

Management of the infected plants is 'simple'....remove the infected plant. It will not outgrow the disease and could spread the disease, by way of insects, to other plants in your garden. Another control is plant selection. Ornamentals less susceptible are Verbena, salvia, geranium, cockscomb, and impatiens. Insect control and weed control are also helpful in keeping the Leafhoppers at bay. (Reference – Missouri Botanical Garden Integrated Pest Management, <http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/IPM.asp?code=138&group=67&level=s>)



Sad to say, I pulled up my otherwise gorgeous plant...only a few blossoms were showing signs of Aster yellows. I am crossing my fingers that no other plants have been infected. Pictured are some infected blooms, one Echinacea and a couple Helenium.

What an uninfected bloom looks like.

Scholarship Recipients Master Gardener Class 2011



Pictured are the 6 recipients that were each awarded \$200.00 toward the class fee. In return they are expected to volunteer at least 15 hours before the end of class on November 15th, 2011. Many have already been working on projects and helping out. Most of the class delivered flyers to area businesses for our last meeting in September featuring "The Fern Lady" as a part of their hours. They did a great job and we are looking forward to having each of them becoming a "Lakeland Master Gardener"! (from left to right) DOUG CRAWFORD, ANN STODDARD, SHARON GROOMS, DAVID THOMPSON, LYNSEY BOCK, and GLORIETTA JONES

NEW LMG NAME BADGES AVAILABLE

You now can order a LMG name badge that has a magnetic back to attach to your shirt (an example is on the form). This is replacing the current lanyard/pouch name badge for our organization. **Beginning with the 2010 MG Graduates, the new badge will be given to them, forms still need to be filled out and returned.** The current 2011 MG class will still be given the lanyard/pouch style

with INTERN on the name plate. If you are interested, please see the attached form to complete and send with money to Patti Larson, 325 Nautical Way Greenwood, SC 29649. Any questions, please give her a call Patti at 554-1600. Please leave a message if you get the recording and she will return your call as soon as she can.

Lakelands Master Gardener Name Badge Order Form

Master Gardener Information			
Last Name		First Name	
Mailing Address			
City		Zip Code	
Home ()	Cell ()	Other ()	
e-mail address			
For Office Use Only	Received	Confirmation	Delivered

Please **Print** Information the way you would like it to appear on your name badge



Cost: \$10/badge Cash or Check accepted
 Make Checks payable to: Lakelands Master Gardeners
 Remit Payment and Order Form together to:
Patti Larson
325 Nautical Way
Greenwood, SC 29649
 For Questions, please e-mail Patti Larson: greenwood_patti@yahoo.com or call 554-1600

Sample Lakelands Master Gardener Name Badge



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Shutterfly - <http://lakelandsmastergardeners.shutterfly.com>

Clemson Cooperative Extension Office– Greenwood– 864-223-3264



LAKELAND MASTER GARDENERS

Newsletter Editor-Janet Ledebuhr
articles due by the 25th of the month—
queenofseaford@yahoo.com

LMG General Meetings will be held at: The
Greenwood Metro District Meeting Room
110 Metro Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646

Directions
*From Self Regional Hospital: Take West
Alexander to Premier Dr. – stay on Premier
Dr. by turning right – turn left on Metro Dr.
From 225 Ext: Going South on 225 Ext.,
turn left on W. Alexander, turn right on Joe
Bernat Dr., turn left on Premier Dr., turn
right on Metro Dr.*

*Board Meetings are held in February, April,
June, August, and October on the second
Thursday of the month @ 6:00 pm @ The
Clemson Extension Office @ The Brewer
Center*

Miles and Hours - please submit to
Linda Halsey
halseyfarm@embarqmail.com, 864-374-
7253, or P.O. Box 82, Hodges, SC 29653

Don't forget to check the Shut-
terfly website for photos. See
address at the top of the page.
Chuck keeps updating the
page with more photos of our
activities. The password is avail-
able.

Master Gardener Office

Need hours? Volunteer to work in
the Master Gardener office any
time Monday thru Friday. The of-
fice hours are from 8:30a.m - 5
p.m. Schedules are posted at the
office for sign-ups. We encourage
everyone to work in the office for
Office Volunteer Hours.

You can sign up two ways: Go to
the Extension
office and
add your
name to the
schedule; or
call the Ex-
tension office
at 223-3264.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have a committee where you could
use an extra hand? Send it to the
newsletter and it will be listed.

3. Programs and Speakers chairman
4. Check the website for other ongoing projects

1. **Board positions**– Public Relations
2. Urban Tree project, email James



Missing a newsletter? Looking for an earlier edition? All of our
newsletters can be found at our website at— [http://
www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2011.html](http://www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2011.html)

THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER BOARD 2011

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This Association shall be operated for the growth and development of its members and for the following purposes:

1. Sharing horticultural information and guidance with South Carolina residents based on research specific to the local climate, soils, and plants;
2. Volunteering time to assist the Extension Service in meeting the demand for reliable gardening information;
3. Providing volunteer service to improve our communities through a wide variety of horticultural projects;
4. Promoting the training of Master Gardeners and keeping Master Gardeners active in service;
5. Encouraging interest in gardening by all citizens;
6. Encouraging the utilization of all resources for better gardening, including the Department of Agriculture and Clemson University Extension Service;
7. Encouraging local environmental beautification and preservation; and
8. Helping those less fortunate prosper from the benefits of horticulture.