

2016

Calendar

10/13 LMG
Board Meeting,
4:30 at Gwd
Library

10/15 LMG
ROAD TRIP to
ColorFall at
Moore
Botanical
Gardens

11/10 Speaker
and
Membership
Meeting. 6:00
at Library, 6:30
for Speaker
Donna Boozer
talks about
bees.

12/8 LMG
Board Meeting

1/26 Pearl
Fryar and his
topiaries at
Greenwood
Country Club
11 AM.



President's Letter-Barbara Wells

It finally happened! Just when we had all just about given up hope of any measurable rain, the skies opened up last night, delivering at least 2 inches of luxuriant moisture. When I woke up this morning and peered out the window, my plants greeted me cloaked in silvery jewels of beaded water. Oh my gosh! What a difference a good soaking rain can make!

I couldn't be happier. The timing is perfect. With fall's arrival a few days ago and cooler weather on the way, it's time to divide spring and summer blooming perennials. Those I don't replant will be sent to new homes or set aside for our Annual Spring Plant Sale.

Last fall, I discovered a lazy gardener's method to give the divisions destined for the plant sale a temporary home that requires no babysitting during the winter months. I simply replanted them in vacant territory in my raised vegetable beds, where Mother Nature could watch over them as they developed new root systems over the winter. Then, in early spring, I carefully dug up and lovingly potted them. Within a week or two they were perky and ready to go to the sale, and my vegetable beds were free for spring planting.

I'm sure many of you are planning on making divisions, too, this fall. If you can, set aside a few (or more) for our spring plant sale. It will be here before we know it, and we can never have too many happy, healthy plants to sell. Fall means it's also time to renew your Lakelands Master Gardener Membership. The annual membership fee continues to be a bargain at just \$20. What a deal! The 2017 form is included in this newsletter, will be available at the November meeting, and will soon be posted under the Forms sidebar on our website, lakelandsmastergardener.org. As you complete the form, please take a moment to carefully consider your response to the section concerning volunteer interests, marking your preferences in numerical order.

Speaking of forms, if you've lost or accidentally attempted to compost your Lakelands Master Gardener badge (long story), you're in luck. The form to order Lakelands Master Gardener badges is also included in this newsletter and on the website.

Marla Starling, Jimmy McInville, Donna Holmes, and Sara Kumer manned the "Ask a Master Gardener Day" at the Uptown Farmer's Market a few weekends ago. Thanks to all for serving as our ambassadors, answering questions, and providing soil sample bags.

We were both entertained and educated by our September speaker, Will Metts, of Metts Organix. Will's comfortable speaking style paired well with our eager group. I can't believe we completely forgot to take any pictures! I guess you'll just have to use your imagination to picture a room full of happy, engaged Master Gardeners.

The fall field trip to Colorfall at Moore Farms Botanical Garden in Lake City is on Saturday, October 15. I'm not sure if I'm more excited about the plant sale, the lecture on Bizarre

Botanicals, visiting the gardens, or just the idea of a fall road trip. It will be difficult for me to command enough self-control to keep from jumping out of the car before we come to a complete stop. Good thing I'm not driving.

At our membership/speaker meeting on November 10, Master Gardener Donna Boozer will be speaking on Honeybees in the Garden. Come and learn about honeybees, and what we as gardeners and concerned citizens can do to help ensure their survival, especially in light of the recent efforts to control the spread of the Zika Virus. Part of Donna's program will be a honey tasting, including some honeys not generally locally available. Yummmm.

The clock is ticking and those perennials in the recently softened soil are waiting for me, so that's it for now.

Happy Fall! B

Autumn begins with a subtle change in the light, with skies a deeper blue, and the nights that suddenly become clear and chilled. The season comes full with the first frost, the disappearance of the migratory birds, and the harvesting of the season's last crops.

Glenn Wolff and Jerry Dennis

FARMERS' MARKET ASK A MASTER GARDENER DAY



Marla Starling, Jimmy McInville, Donna Holmes, and Sara Kummer answer gardening questions.

What to Plant in a Fall Vegetable Garden- Ann Barklow's web gardening recommendation, follow this link:

Growingagreenerworld.com/fall-vegetable-garden Ann introduced Joe Lamp'l as the Festival of Flowers speaker two years ago. He has a wonderful TV show called "Growing a Greener World" that spawned a great website with lots of videos and how to tips.



Lunch with a South Carolina treasure

Pearl Fryar, Master Topiarist

Thursday, January 26th, 11AM

Greenwood Country Club

Hosted by Holly Garden Club

RSVP to sandyorr@embarqmail.com

Lunch is \$12 and an additional \$10 calendar purchase for Pearl Fryar's C Student Scholarship Fund is requested in lieu of a speaker's fee. Please make \$22 checks to LMG and mail to Sandy Orr at 244 Compass Pt., Ninety Six, SC 29666 to reserve your spot

Carolina YARDS

A CLEMSON EXTENSION SERVICE

Environmentally Friendly Landscaping *Online Class*

This five week online class will provide information and techniques to create and maintain a more environmentally friendly landscape. The class is self-paced and can be done in the comfort of your own home. Weekly modules will guide you through the 12 Carolina Yards principles and the interactive discussion forums provide opportunity to share helpful tips and advice with your peers across the state.

Course Begins
Monday,
October 17th,
2016

Visit www.clemson.edu/cy/online to register.



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This just in from one of our MG trainees in this year's class. We do not know the make up or quality of the mulch. If you are interested please contact Robert Koch directly at bbkoch@embarqmail.com :

I was over at the Greenwood County Public Works office talking to Donna Sightler (Director) about getting some leaves for composting and we started talking about mulch. The "Dump" used to chip limbs and other tree debris for mulch and give it away. I used to get the mulch and used it all over my property. I would get about four loads on my truck and trailer. It was great as long as you let it cool off before using it. I asked her why they stopped it and she said that the workers that loaded the mulch were being pulled off their other jobs to load (with front end loader) small trucks and it just wasn't worth it. I asked her whether setting up a 2-3 hour time once or twice a week that her people loaded mulch for people would be acceptable. She said that she would consider that if there were enough people who wanted it. I thought about some of the ways this could be used and some possibilities are: home yards, home flower/shrub beds, erosion control, neighborhood "gardens", church landscaping, community landscaping, and any other mulch applications. Would the Master Gardener's support this and use it? Could we involve other groups to see if there was interest?

Janet Ledebuhr received this email from Dr. Storm from USC Upstate in reference to a new field guide.

She has had a chance to download it and use it and finds it very useful. The Field Guide to the Southern Piedmont is a picture-based identification guide to over 700 species in the Carolinas and Georgia and it includes common animals, plants, fungi, slime molds, animal tracks, skulls and bones, rocks, minerals, and nature sounds. The field guide can be downloaded as an eBook for free to any electronic device from www.uscupstate.edu/fieldguide and the picture for most species will hyperlink to a reputable website with natural history information.

Lakelands Master Gardener Association 2017 Membership Renewal Form

Circle one: Renewal/ New Member/Transfer

Master Gardener Membership Dues are \$20.00.

Payment is due by the Awards Banquet in February to be eligible to vote.

Make your check payable to Lakelands Master Gardener Organization (LMGO) and mail to:

Melody McInville, 345 Klugh Rd., Abbeville, SC 29620

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone # Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email 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) on which you are interested in working. Please mark at least one. (Number from most preferred to least. 1 is by top preference, 2 by 2nd choice, etc.)

_____ Community Projects _____ Membership _____ Plant Sale

_____ Education _____ Clemson Extension Office _____ Web Site

_____ Face Book Page _____ Newsletter _____ Social Activities

_____ Fund Raising _____ Programs & Speakers _____ Topiary/Greenhouse

_____ Public Relations _____ Community Voucher Distribution _____ Community Garden

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

PLANTING TREES PROMOTES GOOD HEALTH AND WEALTH- Sandy Orr

Researchers from the U.S., Australia, and Canada, have conducted a study on how trees impact the health of a city. Their research, which was published in the journal Scientific Reports in July, credits trees with remarkable power. They found that, when it comes to how healthy people perceive themselves to be, having 10 trees on your block is the equivalent of having more than \$10,000 more in annual salary, or being seven years younger.

What happens when you add just one more tree, and make it 11 trees on your block? According to the researchers, it “decreases cardio-metabolic conditions in ways comparable to an increase in annual personal income of \$20,000 and moving to a neighborhood with \$20,000 higher median income or being 1.4 years younger.”

This study used Toronto as its sampling ground. The researchers adjusted their findings to account for disparities in income, gender, diet, education, and other factors. By holding this study in Toronto, no correction for healthcare availability was required.

The researchers focused on trees instead of the more general concept of “green space.” They also analyzed the impact of street trees, front yard trees, and trees in private spaces like backyards.

95,000 Toronto residents participated to get the stated results. There were three main areas they concentrated on:

Overall health perception

Presence of cardio-metabolic conditions (i.e., hypertension, obesity, high cholesterol, etc.)

Mental health

The difference between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per year in perceived wealth encouraged me to plant an additional tree on my block. In Asheville, Barbara Wells picked up the most adorable perfectly shaped 4' oxydendron, or Lily of the Valley tree for me. It blooms white in summer and the leaves have good red/peach fall color. (see picture below). Now all I have to do is decide what to do with the extra ten thou a year.



MASTER GARDENER BADGE REQUEST FORM: (also on website in Forms section)

Master Gardener Information

Last Name /First Name

Mailing Address

City Zip Code

Home () Cell () Other ()

e-mail address

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

Last Name /First Name

County Year Graduated From Master Gardener Training Course

Cost: \$10/badge Cash or Check accepted

Make Checks payable to: Lakelands Master Gardeners Inc.

Remit Payment and Order Form together to:

Melody McInville

LMG Treasurer

345 Klugh Rd

Abbeville, SC 29620

For questions, please e-mail Donna Feldmaier: donnafeldy@aol.com or call H: 223-0375

C: 377-5346

Lakelands Master Gardener Board/Committee Chairs

Voting Members

Executive Committee

President: Barbara Wells

Vice President: ? Open to volunteers

Treasurer: Melody McInville

Secretary: Chris Moon

Past President: Donna Feldmaier

General Board Members

Community Projects: Jimmy McInville and Donna Sears

Education: Linda Halsey and Wally Sears

Membership: Betsy Russ

Plant Sale/Fund Raising: Sandy Orr and John Wham

Programs/Speakers: Anissa Lawrence

Public Relations: Donna Sears

Website: Marla Starling

Non-voting Board Members

Clemson Advisor: James Hodges

Email Blasts: Janet Ledebuhr

Facebook: Mary Jane Vivas and Marla Starling

Newsletter: Sandy Orr

Office: Vince Plotczyk

Social: Ella Wham



