



# Master Gardener Thymes



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September 2011

## Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2011

By Sandy Orr

Board and Committee Chairs in attendance: Catherine Swindell, Sandra Johnson, Jimmy McInville, Linda Halsey, Janet Ledebuhr, Sandra Orr, Vince Plotczyk, Chuck Bender, Dwight Long, and James Hodges.



Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$8,646.65 as of 8/11/2011

**GUEST: Ellesor Holder** presented the LMG Board a check for \$500 for the Master Gardeners' work on the topiary exhibit. She also presented the Board with a numbered Festival of Flowers 2011 print by Jeffrey Callaham. It will be framed to hang in the Master Gardener office. She asked for Master Gardeners to complete the survey on the Festival website to provide feedback about the Festival. There will be a consultant to tabulate the results of the survey at the end of August. Ellesor asked if anyone was interested in heading the topiary project next year because Kathryn Smith is stepping down. Dwight Long also will be limiting his involvement next year. Ellesor indicated that the position would be paid something.

Subsequent to Ellesor's departure, it was determined that the Board would assess Master Gardener involvement at a meeting in September open to the General Membership. -See article page 3-

### OLD BUSINESS

**HOSPICE GARDEN:** Sandra Johnson and Charlotte Cabri visited the site and

spoke to the director. The plantings are in good shape, but are in inappropriate places for their light requirements. It is a meditation garden on the right side of the Hospice House, once the Wells Massengill house, on West Alexander. Sandra will get a vote from her committee. It will be a good project to consider for the fall.

**GREENWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:** Catherine Swindell reported that she has been maintaining the pots, but that the watering by employees has been intermittent so the plants have been suffering in the extreme heat.. Nicole Ellis is working on a water feature plan for them. Nicole needs to make sure any plan features automatic irrigation.

**LMG SEPTEMBER 8TH MEETING,** Catherine Swindell reported that the refreshments for the meeting have been planned. Patti Larson has already sent a flyer to the LMG Newsletter and the Chamber newsletter.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** Janet Ledebuhr will publish the next newsletter August 24. It will be an abbreviated newsletter.

### NEW BUSINESS

**NEW MASTER GARDENER CLASS:** James Hodges has a calendar for MG'ers to sign up to speak to the new class about committee work or projects or opportunities to get their hours. Please sign up if you did not at the meeting. James also discussed the new **statewide online Master Gardener/Home Horticulture** certification program. The LMG Board questioned the ongoing ability to attract committed workers with this online option. The first online course has 100 participants, paying \$300,

### Dates to Remember:

- THURSDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 6:30 PM  
**GENERAL MEETING WITH SPEAKER**
- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 22—**  
**TOPIARY MEETING**
- THURSDAY, OCT. 13TH, 6 PM  
**BOARD MEETING**
- THURSDAY, NOV. 10TH, 6 PM  
**BOARD MEETING— BUDGET MEETING**
- THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH, 6:30 PM  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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

and receiving a Master Gardener certificate only if they do the work hours locally thereafter. Otherwise, a Home Horticulture designation is awarded. We discussed the need to better capture the energy of our own graduating class each year by immediately assigning them to a committee and have them partner with the Chair to head up a specific project.

**REVISION OF COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES:** Patti Larson has proposed revisions to the objectives. If you have your own inputs or edits, please make them and return to Patti.

## “The Wonderful World of Ferns”

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*Lakelands Master Gardeners* are excited to be hosting a presentation by Eleanor Craig, known to many as “The Fern Lady” on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM at Greenwood Metropolitan District. Eleanor has more than 25 years of experience in the horticultural industry. Her passion for ferns has been shared over the past 8 years through her award winning exhibits at the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta. She is presently growing over 60 varieties of perennial garden ferns at her farm, Fern Ridge Farms in Cedar Bluff, Alabama. She will not only introduce the many new varieties for the garden, but will cover planting, care, and some misconceptions many of us have about ferns.

Various ferns will be available for sale.

The program is FREE but seating is limited...

Reserve your space by September 6<sup>th</sup> by calling 223-3264-extension 0 and *leave your name, phone number and number of seats you are reserving.*

Questions??– Please call Patti Larson at 554-1600.



Volunteer hours need to be sent to Linda Halsey at [halsey-farm@embarqmail.com](mailto:halsey-farm@embarqmail.com)

## WANT TO ASSIST WITH THE TOPIARIES?

Be a part of Festival of Flowers! Ellesor Holder, chair-woman of Festival of Flowers, met with board at its latest meeting. The question raised was--"Is there Master Gardener interest in the topiaries?" In the past many Master Gardeners worked with the topiary displays. A meeting is scheduled to determine interest. We are hoping to find a chairman for this activity and a group of volunteers. Not sure what needs to be done? You don't have to 'know-it-all'. The chair would be the coordinator of the volunteer force. The volunteers will assist with the topiaries all the way to next year's Festival. Come, participate and serve. PLEASE come to the meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 22. More details about location, time and date will be announced at the lecture about Ferns on the 8th of Sept. Emails with details about the meeting will follow. Questions -- contact Janet Ledebuhr [queenofseaford@yahoo.com](mailto:queenofseaford@yahoo.com)



## Schedule for Master Gardener Class 2011

By Helen Spiller

DATE	COMMITTEE	CHAIR
August 16	Education	Helen Spiller and Jason Jordan
August 23	Phone	Nicole Ellis
August 30	Programs and Speakers (Ann is no longer Chair but agreed to tell what this Committee's responsibilities are.)	Ann Barklow
September 6	Community Projects	Sandra Johnson
September 13	Hours for MG	Linda Halsey
September 20	Finance and Fund Raising	April Prater
September 27	Web Site	Chuck Bender and Nancy Collins helper
October 4	Newsletter	Janet Ledebuhr
October 11	Membership	Cindy Wilkins
October 18	Social Activities & Field Trips	Catherine Swindel
October 25	Office	Vince Plotczyk
November 1	Public Relations	No Chair (need One)
November 8	Patti Larson	President-elect

Chairs please arrive at the Extension Office and help put out food at 7:00 PM. Speak about 7:30. Help clean up. This will require about one hour. Thank you for helping in this manner. If you have any problems, please call Helen Spiller or Patti Larson.



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LAKELAND MASTER GARDENERS

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articles due by the 25th of the month—  
[queenofseaford@yahoo.com](mailto: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 in-  
cluded in the email.

**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.

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

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



**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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|---|-------------------------------------|
| President- Jimmy McInville 223-3096             | Programs & Speakers– <u>OPEN</u>    |
| Secretary- Sandy Orr 543-4888                   | Finance and Fund Raising– April     |
| Vice President- Patti Larson 554-1600           | Prater 543-3644                     |
| Past President- Dwight Long                     | Public Relations- <u>OPEN</u>       |
| Treasurer- Patti Larson 554-1600                | Membership- Cindy Wilkins 374-7112  |
| Clemson Advisor- James Hodges 223-3264 ext. 116 | Social- Catherine Swindell 223-8552 |
| Community Projects- Sandra Johnson 993-4183     | Newsletter- Janet Ledebuhr 374-7781 |
| Phone- Nicole Ellis 229-2343                    | Web Site- Chuck Bender 998-3123     |
| Education- Helen Spiller 223-2806               | Office- Vince Plotczyk 942-0871     |

**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.