



# Master Gardener Thymes



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## President's Message

By Ann Barklow

Hi Everyone,

So much going on, I'm not sure where to start. The first class started on August 20 with over 20 students! It was so exciting to see all those happy faces. James asked Vince and me to bring in some examples of diseases and pests and believe me after all that rain we had a lot.

Our board voted to contribute magnifying lenses to the Master Gardener Classes that can be checked out as needed. It was an investment of \$100 out of our education fund that was well worth the investment. The new students each had their own magnifying loupe and loved looking at all those diseases and bugs up close and personal. Have I mentioned lately how much I love our new board of directors? We are accomplishing great things together and it is such a pleasant group to work with.

Saturday the 24th Dwight Long and I gave a class next to the City Greenhouses on tree pruning. We had 22 in attendance and 5 of those were students from our new class! It was fun and informative followed by refreshments with the topiaries and tour of both greenhouses. Seeing 10,000 pansies in one place is truly a treat. Thanks in particular to Dwight Long and the City of Greenwood for allowing us to trim a Trident Maple as our learning tree. Also, thank you to everyone that helped us out that day. We plan on having more clinics like this one so stay tuned. With two Lakelands Master Gardeners working with the City and two in training in the new class I can foresee some great opportunities for all of us.

My garden is looking like the end of summer and one thing I want to plan on next year is more preserving of my harvest. That is why this

month's speaker meeting is right up my alley and I hope yours too. Please find the information in the newsletter and come a learn how to preserve that wonderful harvest next year.

This month is renewal time for your membership. Please don't put this off too long since we will be charging a late fee this year. We need your membership even if you haven't been able to be active. It helps us to continue our outreach in education and helping our community. There are many benefits to keeping your membership dues paid so please get your check off to us today or better yet give it to Janet at the membership and speaker meeting this month.

Sue Monaghan and Paddy Huff had a great container garden workday at GMD and will be planning a new one for the Water Feature area soon. There is another Landscape Diagnostic Clinic coming up in Pucketts Ferry on September 16. These are great clinics for our outreach to the public. Please come and help Janet put this one on. There is more in the newsletter about this great opportunity.

I am happy to see so many of us involved and also continuing our education as Master Gardeners. With the hands-on



## Dates to Remember:

- SEPT. 12TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, ELIZABETH BROWN, WILLIAMS-SONOMA 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- OCT. 10TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM CLEMSON OFFICE
- NOV. 14TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, PANEL DISCUSSION 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- DEC. 12TH MEMBER SOCIAL 6:30 PM GMD
- 2014 PLANT SALE APRIL 11 & 12TH

clinics with Dwight and me and the City we provide more advanced education to our members and at the same time invite guests to come in hopes of gaining new students. The Landscape Clinics that Janet puts on reach out to the public but also train Master Gardeners how to teach and research and at the same time they are learning even more from the experience. The speaker meetings that Susie puts on extend more knowledge to us and the public on timely subjects. All in all we have made a big impact on Greenwood and a great help to our extension agent.

Thank you to all of you for making my job as president so easy and fun. Be sure to welcome our new students when you see them at the next membership and speaker meeting. Looking forward to see you there.

The mission of the Lakelands Master Gardeners, in association with the Greenwood County Clemson Extension office, is to extend to the public research-based education, horticultural programs and activities that enhance our environment, lives and community.

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

## 2014 LMG MEMBERSHIP DUES

By Chuck Bender

Now is the time for our annual membership dues collection. We want you to know that your membership dues are important to us, even if you are not able to be active or have not attained enough volunteer hours. The money we receive from our active and inactive members supports many worthwhile projects such as the Connie Maxwell vegetable gardens, the Burton Center sensory gardens and our most recent tribute to our veterans, the Veterans Healing Garden. Membership dues also contribute to our scholarship funds, and this year we provided scholarships to 4 students.

With your membership support we can continue to serve our community, and you can be sure to continue to receive these benefits:

- The monthly email newsletter with diverse and interesting gardening information and pictures.
- Announcements about upcoming educational speakers and the ability to attend at no cost.
- Notifications of social activities such as the annual picnic and Christmas Party.
- Membership voting rights (for active members with required volunteer hours).



The annual dues structure has been simplified this year, with only one membership category "Individual" at \$20. Where both spouses want to have membership, each will need to register and pay as "Individual" members. While "Lifetime" memberships are no longer offered, previously paid "Lifetime" members can continue with no additional cost. Fall 2013 Master Gardener Class students have their first year 2014 dues already covered by the LMG.

Please note: dues have a final payment date of October 31<sup>st</sup>, with a late fee of \$5 required after that date (\$25).

## Highlights of the Board Meeting

By Stephen Tabor

The following are the highlights of the Board meeting held on August 8, 2013. The Board approved the payment of the sum of \$600.00 to Clemson University for scholarships for the Master Gardener program (four scholarships at \$150 each).

When the participation of Master Gardeners in community projects is approved, our participation is limited to assisting and guiding applicants in planning, onsite instruction and planting, but with rare exceptions, we do not do the physical labor required for the project.

Sixteen students have signed up for the new Master Gardener class. We still need mentors, and Linda needs to collect hours next month.

The next landscape diagnostic clinic will be at Donna Feldmaier's at a date in September to be scheduled. Attendance at the clinics is limited to 15, and Master Gardeners will be the last to be admitted: The primary purpose of the clinic is to educate the homeowner's neighbors and surrounding community.

Harborside neighborhood has asked for a pruning demonstration. A clinic will be done over the winter; the emphasis of the clinic will be on pruning.

On Saturday, August 24, 2013, Ann Barklow and Dwight Long want to teach pruning to Master Gardeners for maple trees.



## A Few Photos From the Pruning Clinic

Hosted by Dwight Long and Ann Barklow

Last Saturday Dwight and Ann led a pruning clinic at the City Greenhouse. It was well attended by both seasoned Master Gardeners and students currently in the class. There was a lot of discussion about the use of proper tools and their management, by-pass pruners are the way to go! The correct place to prune depends on the branch collar and branch ridge...both can be hard to identify on certain trees. There was a hands-on opportunity for the participants of the clinic to prune a Trident Maple. After the pruning there was a tour of the Greenhouse. Thanks to all who came and a big thanks to Dwight and Ann.



## Can You Dig It?

Article submitted by Susi Bender, from Abbeville Library programs

As part of our Adult Summer Reading Program, we invited Master Gardeners Beth Krumwiede and Susan Bender to join us on Thursday evening, July 25 at the Abbeville Library for our gardening event – Can You Dig It? Patrons were encouraged to bring their troubled plants and questions for one-on-one discussions with the master gardeners. As the room filled with sad looking plants and their equally sad looking owners, discussions ranged from the excess of rain this growing season to the shortage of yellow, crook-neck squash. Organic gardening, root rot, soil sampling, and vegetable gardening were other topics discussed between bites of cookies and sips of water. Beth and Susan were eager to share their knowledge.

We would like to extend our thanks to Beth Krumwiede and Susan Bender for taking time out of their evening to join us and provide insight into the many problems gardeners face today. The Abbeville County Library System offers a wide variety of books about gardening. Please visit the Abbeville, Calhoun Falls, or Donalds branches to learn more. A copy of the South Carolina Master Gardener Manual is also available for those interested in further study. Dig on!





## Odds and Ends

Submitted by various LMG

### These links were submitted by Susi Bender

- <http://northcountryreflections.com/> This is a wonderful gardening website with beautiful photos and lots of great information.
- [http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2013/08/10/mycorrhizae-plant-communication.aspx?e\\_cid=20130810\\_DNL\\_art\\_1&utm\\_source=dnl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=art1&utm\\_campaign=20130810](http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2013/08/10/mycorrhizae-plant-communication.aspx?e_cid=20130810_DNL_art_1&utm_source=dnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130810) To quote the first point in the article- "British researchers have discovered plants have a highly complex underground communication network, formed by a type of fungi called mycorrhizae" A great follow up from an article that Sandy Orr wrote last year.
- *TIME* Magazine had on its cover "A World Without BEES".



### This from Stephen Tabor-

- <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/11/science/earth/some-trees-use-less-water-amid-rising-carbon-dioxide-paper-says.html> An interesting article about the use of water by trees.

### Follow up on the Cicada killer wasp-



Photo of one in action, Cicada being killed by Cicada-killer wasp. Thanks to a GA Master Gardener, Karin Hicks, for the photo.

**Landscape Diagnostic Clinic– Janet Ledebuhr** The next Landscape Diagnostic Clinic will be held on September 16th in Puckett's Ferry. I will be doing a walk through on the 9th of September. If you would like to see the process and lend a hand, please contact me at [thequeenofseaford@gmail.com](mailto:thequeenofseaford@gmail.com) I am not sure what time on the 9th, so we can be flexible to suit all of us.

**Volunteer opportunity–** This is not a project we are going to do as a group but if you as an individual would like to earn volunteer hours the City Garden is looking for some extra hands. This is the message from Sandy McCord- "We have been in process of getting the City Garden back to its former "glory" and transforming the extinct Men's Garden Club into the Greenwood City Garden Club. We will be having a garden party as a kickoff event to thank all the people who have supported this effort thus far on September 29<sup>th</sup>. " Please contact her if you are interested in helping. [sandymccord@embarqmail.com](mailto:sandymccord@embarqmail.com)



For those who missed the Lakelands Master Gardener's displays at the Greenwood County Library, here they are. A big thank you to Trish Bridges and Linda Hamrick for getting together such a great collection of gardening artifacts, showcasing the Lakelands Master Gardeners!





## THERE ARE NAKED LADIES IN MY YARD, BUT MY NEIGHBORS DON'T CARE.

by Sandy Orr

“Naked ladies” are bulbs that bloom either spring or fall, depending on the species. They bloom on bare stems, with the foliage developing later, and then dying down before its next flowering. You can only guess which plant I’m referring to, since there are at least three different bulbs that are referred to as such, this is why our parents told us all learn our Latin and eat our Brussels sprouts. *Amaryllis belladonna*, *Colchicums*, and *Lycoris* all share this alluring name. The genus that I’m referring to is *Lycoris*. Other common names for *Lycoris* include Spider lily, Magic lily, Surprise Lily and Hurricane Lily. AND IT’S NOT EVEN A LILY! *Lycoris* is part of the *Amaryllis* family, and as such is not eaten by deer. (Hah!)

*Lycoris radiata* is one of the most demanded plants at any fall plant sale. Its shocking red/orange flower umbrella that looks like a Sputnik satellite will grow in the most miserable excuse for soil. Mine are naturalizing on a desiccated clay bank. I first saw these in the middle of a lawn that had been regularly mowed all spring and summer, yet they still popped up to a height of 1 ½ feet in September. This is because they don’t have leaves until after the fall flowering, so mowing must be stopped when leaves develop in September. With just a few bulbs, you will soon have a field of them. They grow in both part sun and part shade. I have never fed mine, but they still like me. The choice of colors and bloom times is exciting. There are the common red/orange *Lycoris radiata*, white *L. radiata alba*, taller red/orange *L. sanguinea*, smaller purplish pink *L. sprengeri*, and taller pink *L. squamigera*. All bloom in the fall when everything else is exhausted.

Flower arrangers delight in popping these in arrangements, since they last forever, not only in the garden, but also in a vase. They are widely available at many online bulb houses, but I’d rather nick a few more each year from my friend’s yard. They are the ultimate pass-along plant.





## Attention fishermen, fisherwomen and all others interested!

By Dr. Jan Haldeman



Caterpillars are currently feasting upon Pressly Garden's two Southern Catalpa trees, also commonly called Fish Bait Tree! So folks, if you've not yet seen a crop of live fish bait here's your chance. The caterpillars are called Catalpa worms, or Catawba worms by some, and they have been collected for fish bait in our region at least since the 1870's. This is the first time our trees have hosted the caterpillars. The two trees are just before and to the left of the outside classroom as you face the podium.



A female Sphinx moth lays eggs only on this native Catalpa Tree. This moth is a bland grayish brown and not very spectacular. Her eggs hatch into small white caterpillars with black spots that commence immediately to devour Catalpa leaves and molt a number of times as they grow into impressive large "worms" at least 3.5 inches

long and larger in diameter than a pencil. They are black with bright yellow and white stripes on their lower sides. The hind end has a curved black spike, and the "head" end is smaller and shiny black. When harvested from the tree, they wiggle and hold on to a leaf vein with a hind clamp or their suction-like "legs" in the middle. And you may get sprayed with some leaf juice, but no stinging or biting.

So how do you keep these great fisherman's friends until you're ready to put them on your hook? Simple. Just fill a pint-sized container, about 1/3 full with the big ones, and fill up with plain cornmeal or sawdust, and label with contents and date. Then, shake gently, and put the container in your freezer until you're ready to go fishing. It has been reported that a single Catalpa worm can catch a number of fish, because they have a leathery-like tough skin, and stay intact on your hook through several catches.



Catalpa caterpillars that mature and escape fishermen will burrow into the ground and form a brown pupa (chrysalis), which will overwinter and hatch into the Catalpa Sphinx Moth.





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Don't forget the photos from our Christmas social and other LMG events are on our Shutterfly page. (see link above) You can leave comments or download photos from the Shutterfly page. The password has been sent in the email with this newsletter attached.

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