



Master Gardener Thymes



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March 2012

Master Gardener of the Year



THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Patti Larson, President of the Lakelands Master Gardeners and James Hodges, Clemson Extension, not only for this honor but also for their tireless commitment to the Lakelands Master Gardeners. I also would like to thank Ann Stoddard and the Social Committee for the wonderful job they did in putting together a wonderful evening. I was extremely surprised and honored to have been selected Master Gardener of the Year 2011. I have many people to thank, those who taught me, worked with me, guided me, and supported me in one way or another. It would be impossible to mention all who have helped me but a few are James Hodges and Steve Odom, Cindy Wilkins and Peggy Ticehurst, who I worked with at the Mall office when I was a student in the Master Gardener class. I would also like to thank Lynn Bornemann who was my mentor when I completed the Master Gardener class. I would especially like to thank YOU the members of the Lakelands Master Gardeners! It is a pleasure to work with such a fine group of people!

Thank You!
Vincent Plotczyk

Notes from the LMG President

By Patti Larson

February was a very special month for our Association! The Annual Awards Dinner was held on February 9th and what a successful affair. THANKS so much to Ann Stoddard and the Social Committee; Linda Halsey and Cindy Wilkins for working on many long hours for compiling the member hour list! Over 78 LMG received awards in many diversified areas. Not only were the Member Hour Pins awarded but also the 2010 Certified Gardeners and the 2011 MG interns were recognized. This was the first year Honorary Awards were presented for very dedicated individuals to our Association over the years- Ella Wham, Everett Collin, George Swindell, Kathryn Smith and Jay Sridharan.

Vince Plotczyk was rightfully awarded the **Lakeland Master Gardener of 2011**.

There were three 2,000 plus hour pins given to – Donna Boozer, Nancy Collin and Vince Plotczyk!

What this dinner really pointed out was the diversity of individuals in the Association... from school teachers, engineers, home school teachers, landscape architects, horticulturists, dentists-----a group of individuals all with a common interests---educating, gardening and improving our communities.

With this in mind, although there may be differences among us.....together we are a wonderful, exuberant Association. When there are quiet moments, I am humbled by each and every one of you.....THANK YOU!

Hope to see you this *Saturday March 3rd at 9AM at the Clemson Extension Office* for our first mini-series for members only.

Vince Plotczyk will be presenting an informative session on Raised Bed Gardening. No need to RSVP...just please come!

What nature delivers to us is never stale. Because what nature creates has eternity in it. ~ Isaac Bashevis Singer

Dates to Remember:

- MARCH 8TH, **BOARD MEETING** 6:30 PM EXTENSION OFFICE
- APRIL 6 & 7TH, **PLANT SALE** GREENWOOD FARMERS MARKET
- APRIL 12TH, **SPEAKER MEETING -LAKELANDS BEE KEEPER SOCIETY** 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- APRIL 26TH, 6:30 PM **LANDSCAPE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC**
- MAY 10TH, **LMG PICNIC** MAGNOLIA PARK 6:30 PM
- MAY 24TH, 6:30 PM **LANDSCAPE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC**
- JUNE 14TH, **BOARD MEETING** LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- JULY 12TH, **SPEAKER MEETING, ANN BARKLOW** "ALTERNATIVE TO PESTICIDES" LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- AUGUST 9TH, **SPEAKER MEETING TRADD COTTER** "MUSHROOM GROWING" 6:30PM LIBRARY
- SEPTEMBER 13TH, **SPEAKER MEETING JACK AND PATRICIA DEVROOMEN** "HOSTA" LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- OCTOBER 11TH, **BOARD MEETING BUDGET MEETING** LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- NOVEMBER 8TH, **SPEAKER MEETING DR. JOE JAMES** "THE MIGHTY GIANT, THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT" LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- DECEMBER 13TH, **CHRISTMAS PARTY** GREENWOOD METRO DISTRICT 6:30 PM

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

PICTURES NEEDED!!

By Catherine Swindell

Catherine Swindell, Ann Huffaker and Ann Barklow are designing a new scrapbook for the Lakelands Master Gardeners (LMG) to document our history and showcase our achievements.

We are in the gathering pictures stage of our project. If you have any pictures of LMG events or projects please send them to Catherine Swindell at 801 Saddle Hill Road, Greenwood, SC 29646 or e-mail digital copies to her at gardencat46@gmail.com Please write the names of the people and/or event on the back if you know them or include them with your e-mail.

We are also looking for anyone who knows about a scrapbook that may have been completed prior to 2001. Any history or tidbits you want to share or anyone you know that isn't active any longer but may have pictures please let Catherine know.

History is important!

Thank you for your cooperation,

Catherine Swindell, Ann Huffaker, and Ann Barklow
LMG Scrapbook Committee,
Subcommittee of The Publicity Committee



MINI SESSION -Raised Bed Gardening

Presenter: Vincent Plotczyk

Date: March 3, 2012

Time: 9am-10am

Place: Clemson Extension Office

The program I will be presenting is one of the programs I presented to the Wednesday Night Fellowship Group at First Presbyterian Church. Since I will be presenting this program to the Master Gardeners, I will be supplementing it with additional material to make it more in depth. I will not be discussing how to put raised beds together.

I will be discussing the following:

Types of beds
Materials used in bed construction
Location
Paths
Depth
Soil
Selecting vegetables
Selecting seed
Selecting transplants
Fertilization
Irrigation
Mulch

I will be giving out handouts.

You may want to bring a pen or pencil to make notes.

As an added incentive, I will have coffee and donuts available for those who attend.

Hope to see you there
Vince

" What's a-Buzz in Greenwood?"

Donna Boozer will present a program with the Lakelands Beekeepers answering these questions and more **April 12th, 6:30 PM at the Greenwood Library**

1. How much of our food supply is related to honeybees for pollination?
2. Does honey spoil?
3. Who does all the work in a bee hive?
4. How many bees are in a hive?
5. How does our modern day monoculture practices impact honey bees?
6. How much honey does a single honey bee make?
7. What is CCD?
8. What pesticide is the most lethal to honey bees?
9. What can I do to "save the bees"?
10. How many types of honey are there?
11. As a gardener, what is my role in "saving our pollinators"?



There will be a panel of beekeepers to discuss their experiences and the current plight of the honeybee. The panel includes-

Ray Farmer - 2010 "SC Beekeeper of the Year" with over 50 years experience; Lakelands area "bee rescuer".

Donna Boozer - Journeyman beekeeper with 10 years experience

Sarah Sowell - Certified Beekeeper with 4 years experience

Becky Leski - recent graduate, Certified beekeeper in training

Sarah and Becky have experience with value added products from the beehive.

Lakeland 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

Orders are filled upon receipt of order form. There is no deadline to send money and form to Patti.

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

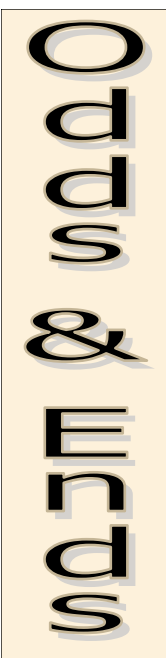
Master Gardener Name Badge Information			
Last Name		First Name	
County		Year Graduated From Master Gardener Training Course	

Cost: \$10/badge Cash or Check accepted

Make Checks payable to: Lakelands Master Gardeners *Remit Payment and Order Form together to:*

Patti Larson
325 Nautical Way
Greenwood, SC 29649

Questions, please e-mail Patti Larson: greenwood_patti@yahoo.com or call 554-1600



- Free **AARP** Tax Preparation
The AARP offers free federal/SC tax preparation at the Main Street United Methodist Church (in the building closest to the old, closed library). Hours are 9:30 - 12:30, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and also Tuesday evenings. Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Greenwood Library at 941-4650. Most returns with wages, interest, dividends, stock sales, pensions, social security, etc. can be done. Some more complicated returns may be "out of scope" and can't be handled.
- Vegetable Market Price Calculator
Use this calculator to find out just how much your saving by growing your own! Type in the lbs harvested of your vegetables below, scroll to the bottom, and see how much you saved!
<http://www.gatewaygreening.org/our-programs/resources/vegetable-market-price-calculator.html>
- 15th Annual **native plant** symposium - Native plants : living history lessons Madren center **Clemson university** April 13, 14, & 15th 2012 For more information ---www.scnps.org/symposium.html
- Savannah Getaway bus tour. April 5-6 2012 if interested email for details about trip—queenofseaford@yahoo.com

Recycle, De-clutter, and Educate

by Ann Barklow



Do you hate to throw out those year old gardening magazines? Does the clutter from stacks of magazines in your home make you a candidate for a Hoarders episode? Can't find enough people to share your knowledge about gardening? Here is a way to solve all three.

Gather up your year old gardening magazines and remove your mailing label and put them in your car. Next time you go the doctors, dentist, beauty salon, or any other waiting room drop a few off. I often find

hunting, gossip, and a few cooking magazines but I have never found a gardening magazine in a waiting room.

We can spread joy and education, along with de-cluttering our life and helping the earth. Who knows, the person that reaches for that magazine might be one of our future master gardeners.



Landscape Diagnostic Clinic update

By Janet Ledebuhr

Our Landscape Diagnostic Clinics are being planned. The first couple clinics scheduled will be— April 26th in town at Mary Woodiwiss' house and May 24th at Patti and Rick Larson's house. These clinics will be one hour long and begin at 6:30 PM. More information will be coming as we get closer to the dates. We are looking for a few Master Gardener volunteers to help with handing out extension publications. If you are interested please email Ann Barklow annbarklow@embarqmail.com or Janet Ledebuhr queenofseaford@yahoo.com.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE PLANT SALE?

Thanks to all of you that have already volunteered to help with the plant sale to be held at the Greenwood Farmers Market on Friday and Saturday April 6 & 7. However, we still need volunteers to man the tables on Friday and Saturday.

We are in need of three more people for Friday morning from 7:45-11:45am; four for Friday afternoon from 11:45-4:00pm; two for Saturday morning from 7:45-11:45am;and one more person for Saturday afternoon from 11:45am-4:00pm. This shift will include the breaking down of the tables and the cleanup.



Everyone, please be preparing your plant donations. They can be divided plants from your yard or plants started from seed. Please

be sure to label the plants for us. The more information we have, the better. So, please support this one and only fund raiser of the year, by volunteering your time and/or your donation of plants. For plant donations, please bring your plants to the Farmers Market on Thursday, April 5 between 4:00 and 8:00pm. To volunteer to work the sale, please respond to juleemarshall@centurylink.net or call me at 998-3189. I look forward to seeing and working with you all.

THANK YOU!

Hours/Miles/Contacts

Thanks to all of you who give of your precious time and talents! First quarter report of 2012 will be due mid March, so I need to have all of my data collected by March 15, 2012. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or write, Linda Halsey 374-7253 or halseyfarm@embarqmail.com. Activity Codes and Descriptions

Master Gardeners sign a Volunteer Appointment Agreement and abide by SCE policies by recording volunteer hours and contact demographic data. This log is the primary source of information we use to collect and enter volunteer and program participation data into our database. (*When the need arises, accrued hours/miles/ contacts are communicated to elected officials to show them your enthusiasm, commitment, and the vast amount of horticultural information that is passed along to SC residents.*) The information you collect allows us to evaluate educational program outreach, report to our sponsors, and ensure that our programs are reaching the citizens of South Carolina.

Category	Title	Description
Administration	Administration	Master Gardener administration activities not related to educational service programs (planning of non-educational and social activities, duties as an association officer).
Administration	Administration of Community Service Projects	Administration activities related to Community Service projects (committee/planning meetings, volunteer recruitment, duties of association officer)
Community Service	Garden Projects	City/neighborhood beautification, planting a garden for local food bank, planting and maintaining a school garden, etc. (Plant a Row, Project Host, etc.)
Community Service	Habitat for humanity	Planning, installation and/or maintenance of Habitat property landscapes.
Community Service	Landscaping for non-profit	Planning, installation, and/or maintenance of landscapes for non-profit entities (churches, civic groups, garden clubs, schools).
Continuing Education	Clemson Extension Advanced Training	Advanced Master Gardener Training provided by Clemson Extension.
Continuing Education	Local Programs	Educational programs offered by local Extension Office, or MG Associations. Program must be approved by local MG Coordinator
Continuing Education	Symposium	Continuing education hours given for attending a symposium/s. See local MG coordinator for approval.
Educational Service	Ask a Master Gardener	Teaching - Conducting workshops, giving lectures, making presentations.
Educational Service	Community Outreach Projects	Educational- Extension approved community garden education and beautification projects (planning, teaching, technical assistance, maintenance assistance.)
Educational Service	Develop Educational Materials	Educational- Developing materials (photographs, class outlines, slides, fact sheets, website, displays, etc.)
Educational Service	Educational Programs	Educational - Developing, planning, directing, teaching or assisting in public education programs (symposium, gardening series, demonstration gardens, garden tours).
Educational Service	Extension Office	Support Activities - Secretarial support (e.g. typing, filing, collating).
Educational Service	Horticulture Therapy	Therapeutic Horticulture - Programs/activities at prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, and institutions serving disabled adults or children.
Educational Service	Information booth	Teaching - Information booths at fairs, festivals, farmers markets, exhibits etc. (including planning, design, set-up and distribution of information)
Educational Service	Mass Media	MG related radio, TV, blog, web site, podcasting, videocasting
Educational Service	MGTC support	Support Activities for the Master Gardener Training Course (MGTC)
Educational Service	Phone Consultation	Teaching - Phone Consultation.
Educational Service	Plant Problem Clinics	Teaching - Plant clinics.
Educational Service	Site Visits	Teaching -Site Visits
Educational Service	Speakers Bureau	When MGs are invited speakers for garden clubs and/or civic clubs. Include prep time as well as travel time.
Educational Service	Written material (newsletters)	Educational- Writing or producing Master Gardener Newsletter, fact sheets with Cooperative Extension professional.
Educational Service	Youth – JMG/SEEDLINGS	Teaching - Youth/ School gardens.

Our February Awards Banquet was a wonderful evening



Members of the class of 2010 became certified Master Gardeners

Left to right: Rusty Wilson, Ann Barklow, Janet Ledebuhr, Julie Bowles



Members of the class of 2011 are awarded their intern certificates.



Left to right: Beth Osteen, Mary Jo White, Ann Stoddard, Sharon Grooms, Priscilla Ellis, Doug Crawford, Jeremiah Grooms



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.
- 1. Landscape Diagnostic Clinic
- 2. FoF Topiaries
- 3. Plant Sale

☹ **Missing a newsletter?** Looking for an earlier edi-
tion? All of our newsletters can be found at our website at— <http://www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2012.html>

THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER BOARD 2012

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Volunteer hours are reported quarterly to Linda Halsey at
halseyfarm@embarq.com. March, June, September and December I will attach
an Excel form for the quarter. If you do not have Excel and need a word document,
please let me know—queenofseaford@yahoo.com

**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 resi-
dents 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 vari-
ety 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.