

# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

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July 13, 2005

**Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2005 ---7:00 PM**

**Place:** The Rampey Center, USC-Upstate Campus

**Program:** **Joe Mullinax**, Director Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve will tell us about his recent visit to the Chicago area for a meeting of the American Assn. of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta during which he had the opportunity to tour several nationally recognized gardens. He will present his power point show of the visits.

**Joe** has done an outstanding job of managing and marketing the Garden. He is a Spartanburg native – grew up on Brierwood Rd. behind the Garden – Spartan High, Eagle Scout, USC Bachelor of Arts. Spent several years in California where he became involved in an urban tree program in Los Angeles.

**2006 Convention Planning** – Things are getting serious about the upcoming national convention we're hosting here in Spartanburg for the Gardeners of America /Men's Garden Clubs of America. Co-Chairs Don Crowder and Linda McHam say they have the agenda well in hand. They've created a calendar of key target dates, organized nineteen committees, and plan an initial meeting of committee chairpersons July 19<sup>th</sup> at Hatcher Garden, 7:00 PM. Also, a well-prepared detailed announcement of our plans for the convention meetings here April 20-22, 2006 which includes a description of our metropolitan area, an invitation to the Marriott, registration information, and a questionnaire seeking interests of attendees has been sent to Officers and other Clubs.

More about plans at our meeting!

**Container Garden** – Three very lightly attended potting and repotting sessions have been held at the Garden in recent weeks. More work remains –and there may be a signup at the meeting. One thing is for sure – this year , now that we have a watering system and bountiful rain, we can't continue our usual complaints about the summer drought damage.

**Kudzu Control** – Newt Hardie and his great program in demonstrating various means of controlling invasive kudzu without herbicides made the front page of the ***Herald Journal*** last week. Newt is spending full time with the program and has a number of test sites showing good results. He had a program at the Library, July 11<sup>th</sup>, to relate his progress and seek more assistance.

**Welcome two new members!!** - Robby Kocisko, of Boyd St. in Spartanburg, and Sylvia Stahley of Burns Rd, Spartanburg. Also , renewals of membership were received from three during June.

**Youth Group Tours at Hatcher** – Dianne Fergusson is organizing docent-led youth group

tours of the Garden. One held in June and two are scheduled for this month.

**Field trip to Clemson Gardens, Thurs. July 21st**

Betty Ball, our special social director, has organized our tour by bus to The South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson and the special Heritage vegetable garden described to us by Dr. Bradshaw at an earlier meeting. Plans are to leave fairly early in the morning (? 9:00 AM) and to return arriving in Spartanburg around 4:30 PM. Betty's package deal includes a lunch at the Martin Inn in the Madren Center (a real nice place) after our tour of the Horticultural gardens and before the vegetable garden. If we can sign up a reasonable number of participants (like 35-45) the cost will be about \$30 per person, including lunch. Betty will have final details at our meeting.

***Betty suggests that you make reservations by email ([bettyball2@netzero.net](mailto:bettyball2@netzero.net)) or call her at 595-1345.***

**Dues** – Your Board of Director's has approved an increase in dues (first in a number of years) to keep in line with National. New rate: \$35. per year for single membership, \$45 for family.

**US-221 Treescape** – It appears the finances of this great project are finally being settled. We've sought help from businesses and individuals in the area and have received contributions towards the cause from Roebuck Building Co., Roebuck Wholesale Nursery and Landscape, Tyger River Properties, Peggy and Bill Wilson, R.L Jordan Oil Co., and Dr. Dianne Fergusson.

**Miscellany** . . . Our crape myrtle plantings around town are surely looking spectacular in this wet summer. The white Natchez variety on East Main have been especially showy....Tasso Ghionis still has a supply of the attractive National Club calendar – see him at the meeting : \$5.00 per. – and for a good cause....refreshments at the meeting are to be provided by Linda McHam, Jim Bagwell, and Henry Pittman...

***As this bulletin goes to press, long-term member and former Treasurer of the Club, and very dear friend to many- especially of the old-timers in our Club, Dr. George Wegryzn, is in a coma after a fall early last week. Our heartfelt concerns are extended to his fine family.***

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## *Spartanburg Men's Garden Club*

Organized in 1948 as the "Dirt Daubers", it became the "Spartanburg Men's Garden Club" in 1950 and affiliated with the "Men's Garden Clubs of America" in 1953.

The objective of the club is fourfold: 1) to educate by teaching and disseminating horticultural information to members and others, 2) to promote and support horticulture and horticultural science and research programs, 3) to engage in programs and activities that will inform the public about better gardening practices and products, and 4) to promote community beatification. Now, over 100 men and women members work toward these goals.

Membership is open to men and women of good character who ascribe to these goals. Annual dues are \$25 (\$35 family membership).

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