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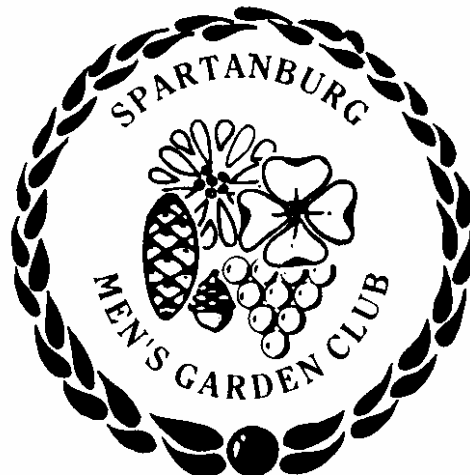
Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dedicated to Gardening Education

and  
Community Beautification

*Gardening Service to the Community  
Since 1948*



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August 11, 2005

**Meeting:** Monday, August 15, 2005

**Place:** The Rampey Center, USC Upstate Campus, Spartanburg, SC

**Program:** “How to control kudzu without herbicides” - Newt Hardie, Club member, former Milliken executive at Spartanburg and La Grange, Georgia, has, as a retirement project, finding ways and demonstrating how invasive Kudzu can be controlled. Newt and his wife, Nell, are regular attendees of our meetings.

**Container Garden** – The combination of watering and sufficient rain has resulted in major weed growth in many of the containers at Hatcher Garden. This is in spite of the fact that we used germination control chemicals for the first time this year. If members can spend a little time, stop by and pull a few weeds. However, many of the containers will require repotting to do the job right – plus the fact that some plants need to be upgraded to larger containers. A work schedule may be announced at the meeting.

Our annual **PICNIC** will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at Hatcher Gardens (rain date the following Monday) Betty Ball is again the Chairperson – and may contact others to help.

**Street Tree Projects** – We understand that the Route US 221 project has received donations that solve the funding problems.

The project looks great, with a number of replacement trees planted by Charles Reed's Sodfather organization. Henry Pittman maintenance responsibility continues to follow everything about the project closely. He noted that one minor and understandable fault has been that some of the bloom colors of crape myrtle are mixed.

Plans for the I-85 Business route project are still alive – but with plans to schedule plantings in the Fall of 2006. This will avoid any interference with the National Convention scheduled for next Spring. We expect that the State DOT will approve the proposal - but must await their decision about future

**Nominations for 2006 officers** – The nominating committee informs us that they will announce their decisions at our meeting. We'll vote at the September Picnic meeting.

**Scholarships** – Tasso Ghionis is planning to present our program to Spartanburg Tech in September, and asks for some assistance. We understand that David Kyle will help – but one more is needed. If interested - call Tasso.

**2006 Dues** – In order to receive the American Horticultural Society magazine, dues must be paid by November. Susan MacDowell is planning a mailing to the membership to see if we can't meet the deadline this year.

**Convention Planning** – Don Crowder and Linda McHam are assembling cost estimates of the convention and plan to determine a firm cost of registration by the first of September. They may call another meeting of committee chairs later this month.

**Bill Cobb**, CEO of OS-I and husband of member Linda Cobb, was seriously injured in a fire ....**Bob McCullough**, member and former officer, suffered a heart attack, but is recovering quite well.

**Miscellany.....**Hatcher Garden has had some very successful summer camp programs for youngsters..."Southern Living" is taking pictures of crape myrtle for their article which we expect next Spring....Doug Jones from the City has arranged the removal of kudzu from the trees we planted on Drayton Ave....Refreshments after the meeting are courtesy of Peggy Romine, Hollis Taylor, and Stan Klot

#### ***IN MEMORIAM***

##### **Dr. George C. Wegrzyn 1925 – 2005**

George served as our Treasurer for a number of years. He was a caring mentor to many, and an especially proud Father of a large and close family. Our special condolences to Mary Ellen.

##### **Walton H. Scott, Jr. 1923 – 2005**

Walton, along with his wife, Virginia, managed Landscape Evaluation programs for the Club. They participated despite physical difficulties. Our condolences to Virginia.

**August Gardening Tips** – Stop pinching ends of chrysanthemums and fertilize them with 10-10-10. This should enhance Fall blooming. Roses need a little special care this time of year. Treat for black spot and they can be fertilized with 5-10-10. It's great time to divide daylilies. If you end with more than you can use – share them with gardening friends. Also, dig and divide iris. Your editor asked iris grower Everette Lineberger how to rid the corms of worms and rot before replanting, and he suggested soaking in a mix of 10% Clorox with water.

Bring some August veggies and any extra plants for **DOOR PRIZES**

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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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