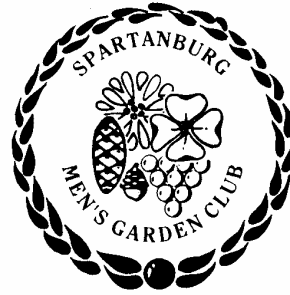


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January 11, 2006

**Meeting:** Monday, January 16, 2006 7:00 PM  
**Place:** The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street, Spartanburg SC  
**Program:** 2006 discussion: plans and committee assignments.

**PLEASE NOTE -- After careful review late last year, it was decided to return to the Arts Center as our meeting place.**

**Plans for 2006** – Our President, Everette Lineberger, prepared and posted a letter to civic leaders and firms outlining our

accomplishments during the last year and noting our plans for 2006 – with special emphasis on the National Convention we are hosting this coming April.

At our meeting, you are asked to participate in outlining specific plans for the new year. Committee Chairs are each asked to present a two-minute overview of purposes and plans of his or her committee. A pass-out will be available indicating committee chairs as well as individuals currently assigned to each committee. New members and any who are not currently assigned are asked to volunteer for participation on committees of their choice.

**Container Garden** – We had our best year ever for our container garden project, with successful Spring and Fall sales. We have a considerable amount of stock carried forward to this year, and have ordered some 650 bare root plants of many persuasions which are to be delivered within the next two weeks. This will entail one or two major potting sessions – and we are also in need of upgrading about 100 plants to three gallon containers. **A re-potting session will be held this Saturday AM (January 14<sup>th</sup>) for these upgrades.**

Plans are for Saturday sessions the next two weeks – and then see where we stand. How about planning to participate? Signup clip boards will be available at the meeting. We'll hear more from Harold Wolfe, J. T. Clark, or David Kyle at our meeting. Also, at our recent Directors' meeting, Tasso Ghionis suggested that we should have more sessions on hardwood cuttings during these winter months to increase our future inventories of easy to do plants - like crape myrtle and buddleia.

**Street Trees and Associated Plantings** – We're planning to plant landscape trees at the new Building on Faith House Habitat home, including some trees on the adjoining street. The tree committee is planning some plantings at the Miracle Hill Mission on St. John's Street. Also, we're considering a general pruning and fertilizing session.

At our Directors' meeting we discussed seeking help from Duke Power in planting "second generation" trees between some of the willow oaks on East Main Street. These beautiful trees have grown to large size and soon some will have to undergo major surgery. By planting new trees of smaller species in the same row and giving them a few year's head start, perhaps we can maintain the attractive appearance when the original trees have to be removed.

**National Convention** – A January planning meeting was held early this week to cover a myriad of details. The registration form is complete, and new member Lou Adams has done a great job in preparing a complex database for handling all registration details. An important deadline is that National's newsletter which will concern the Convention has a February 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off date. Everette Lineberger has firmed-up a schedule of seminar topics. Things are apparently reasonably well on schedule. Your committee asks that all members keep the April 20-22 dates clear on their calendars. We will need all the hands we can muster. Why not ask friends to help? Who knows, we may get even more new members!!

**Miscellany** – The January meeting refreshments will be presented by Linda McHam and Don Crowder...Members should ignore the renewal form on Lineberger's year-end letter if they previously renewed. A few have managed to pay twice for this year. But if you have not renewed, Pay!

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Bob Almond supplied this poetic advice to Club members:

*When I see you at the meetings  
You never say "hello"  
You're busy all the time you're there  
With those you really know  
I stand around among the men,  
Yet I'm a lonesome guy,  
We new members feel so strange,  
When old-timers pass us by.*

*Why don't you nod and say a word,  
or stop and shake our hand  
I'd also like to meet your friends -.  
I hope you understand.-  
So when you meet next meeting nite  
Can't you a moment spend?  
Step up and introduce yourself,  
I had hoped to make new friends.*

Tom Bartram, Editor