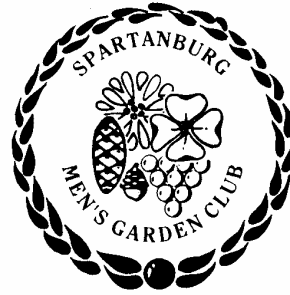


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February 15, 2006

**Meeting:** Monday, February 20, 2006 7:00 PM

**Place:** The Arts Center, 385 Spring St. Spartanburg, SC

**Program:** **National Convention planning** – Our Co-Chairs for this April's big event, Linda McHam and Don Crowder, will lead a discussion of where we stand in preparations and outline areas where help is needed. At the meeting, each steering committee member will be asked to present two minutes worth of information on their committee and then solicit any help needed from the membership. The more

volunteers the better - even non-members you can recruit.. Also, registration forms will be available for local paid members so you can join the convention for lunch and dinner. We need full participation to assure success, so attend this meeting for sure and find out what role you can have in our efforts.

**AND**, back at the ranch, activity at the **Container Garden** proceeds. The large 650 bare-root supply of new stock has been reduced to 150 by two work sessions at the Garden. On Wednesday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, nine stalwarts showed, and on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, fourteen showed – Nine of them from the Master Gardener program. That day’s potting work was suspended when the supply of potting material was exhausted, but the group did a fine job of lining up our stash of plants so they look great.

Don Watson (“Blimpie”), a most helpful new member, is contributing a new supply of potting soil which will suffice for the balance of the stock to be planted.

Organizer Valerie Hare says that the final day for this first big effort of bare-root plant material potting for this year will be this coming **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. She hopes that in addition to the small cadre of stalwarts we can get a few newcomers out to assist . Try it! A morning at Hatcher can be a pleasant experience.

**Tree Planting Programs** – About a dozen of the sizeable trees in three- gallon pots we donated to the School for the Deaf and Blind were to be planted last week; the plans for planting at the Habitat House are awaiting grading to be completed . Our trees will be enhanced by shrubs donated by Carolina Garden World. The plans for help in landscaping at Miracle Hill have yet to be set.

We are still waiting for the SC Dept. of Transportation to act on our proposed plans for Business I-85 - they seem to be generally behind on considering and approving or rejecting submitted plans. A meeting with Duke Power about inter-planting second generation willow oaks on East Main St. is scheduled his week.

Tree chairman Henry Pittman plans to organize a twenty- member working sizeable crew soon for fertilizing and pruning at a number of our recent planting sites.

**Nominating Committee** – Jim Bagwell, chair of this committee, asks that any member who wishes to make recommendations as to future Board members or officers contact him.

**Kudzu Coalition** – Newt Hardie recommends that you drive by the area behind the YMCA and view the experimental site where Larry Nelson’s sheeting project is at work. Also, he reports that an anonymous donor has offered to fund cleaning up the area the City has termed the worst kudzu invasion, which is located on Marion Avenue.

**Scholarship Program** – Tasso Ghionis, aided by Linda McHam and Don Crowder, interviewed five applicants for the program – four from Spartanburg Tech and one from Clemson - and were quite impressed with each of them. While we await the results of their applications to National for scholarships, your Board voted to award each applicant \$250 from our Club. It looks as if this is the first successful program in many years.

**Landscape Evaluation Program** – Bob Almond, Mike Georgian, Bob Hamilton and Terrie Rourke are planning this annual event early this year – tentatively on April 8<sup>th</sup> – to precede the National Convention. Keep the date open!

**Miscellany** – President Everette Lineberger and his wife, Ann, continue to stay near the Mayo Clinic in Florida for Ann's medical treatment. He's available by 'phone, and is assisting in many details of the Convention ...the Harold Hatcher memorial plaque and large granite rock are now at the sculptor's site....Did you see the colorful picture of Mike Georgian with his Japanese persimmon tree in the *Herald Journal*?...Betty Ball is planning our participation in Hatcher Garden's Mayfest program...We have a new member from Knoxville, Harlan Hanna, a landscape architect, who suggests he will rekindle interest in a Club there....Our Club made a sizeable donation to Hatcher Garden's annual fund – you may also wish to be a supporter....Our Peggy Wilson has been honored by the Chamber of Commerce as Small Business Person of the Year!.... Tasso Ghionis and a helper (I hope) will furnish the refreshments at our meeting.

**Are you aware we're now the largest Club in the National TGOA/MGCA ?**

**We totaled 170 at the last count.** We gained a new corporate member: The Marriott (Brian Hilger) and the following eight with individual or family memberships:

**Cathy Bryant, Margaret Burns, Jane Dempsey, Bobby Dyar, Jean Saja, Sam and Gail Seastrunk ,  
Howard E. Toole, Deanna Vail, and Harlan Hanna**

Be sure to welcome them!