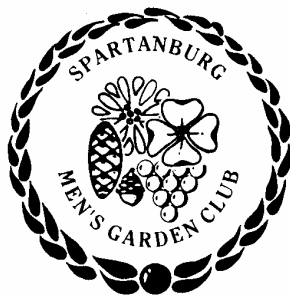


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March 15, 2006

Meeting: March 20, 2006, 7:00 PM

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

Program: Linda Cobb, dedicated, knowledgeable gardener and writer whose home property suffered serious fire damage last year, will tell us how the fire changed everything. She's hard at work on her renewed garden, and views it as if were the mythical bird Phoenix who was consumed by fire and then a new vibrant young Phoenix sprang from the ashes.

National convention plans — Last week a meeting was conducted by Linda McHam and Don Crowder to review plans, committee by committee, and it appears we still have much to do, but we're reasonably on schedule. More at the meeting. Note that this bulletin contains a registration form for members

attending the convention — please consider signing up and attending!

Container Garden — Harold Wolfe and Valerie Hare have the Garden well under control. Valerie organized a planting session two weeks ago and seven members potted some 200-250 plants remaining from our original large order. Harold has worked days at the garden potting and generally straightening up. Jeff Hall has helped the looks of the area with new gravel and mulch. All looks "go" for the upcoming Spring sale.

Adopt-A-Highway program — Our scheduled pickup on North Pine St. is 9:00 AM Saturday March 18 -- meet at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot. This is one of our Club's regular commitments -- and It's not as bad as it sounds -- good exercise and fellowship.

Please try it! Henry Pittman will head up this session, as Jim Bagwell has “re-upped” to serve as future leader.

Mayfest — We plan to participate in this activity of Hatcher Garden which will be held May 20th. Various booths and exhibits will be presented by suppliers and garden clubs, including ours. A petting zoo will be featured. Betty Ball will manage our booth — and needs a few helpers.

North Pine beautification project — Stewart Winslow, Horticulture Director at Milliken, is to direct work on a sizeable beautification project along the creek banks below the old K-Mart site. Some of the support for this comes from the Noble Tree Foundation. Sounds great, since this area has been an eyesore for years.

New tree supply — Frank Stewart and his wife offered their large supply of various trees and shrubs to help Habitat for Humanity -- who called us to help evaluate the situation. Harold Wolfe, Henry Pittman and Jess Taylor inventoried the lot, and most plants were moved to Habitat’s new South Pine St. headquarters. Some of the stock will be used to landscape the *Building on Faith House* (now completed with help from Bob Powell) and some at future Habitat for Humanity homes. Newt Hardie’s kudzu program will receive a number of silver maples for a kudzu shading test. Eventually, the balance of the collection may become part of our inventory at Hatcher Gardens.

Landscape Evaluation Program — Our program, in conjunction with the area Chamber of Commerce, will be held April 8th at 8:30 AM. We met with Lee Blair, interim head of the Chamber, who informs us that the Chamber plans to really push this event this Spring. They have a new brochure prepared outlining the program, and are appealing to their members for additional entrants. Additionally, new trophies are to be awarded to best landscapes participants. These efforts will surely put a strain on our Club to supply sufficient evaluators for our tours. We need additional sign-ups for this program to augment those who signed up at the last meeting -- no experience needed. Please call Terrie Rourke (574-6354) to register as a

participant.

Miscellany -- Our memorial to Harold Hatcher is on schedule to be sited in Hatcher Garden before the convention.... The Episcopal Church of the Advent is donating some oak trees for our nursery Our May program will be a talk on hydrangeas by Sandra Walden.... Our Club has received outstanding publicity in the *Spartanburg Magazine* and will have coverage in the next issue of *The American Gardener--just* in time for the convention.... Tasso Ghionis says that the records of our five successful scholarship applicants have been forwarded to the appropriate committee at National.... Also, Tasso has volunteered to spruce up the W.O. Ezell monument garden and the Claude Sherrill East Main garden before the Convention.... The City has suggested that they ask the Youth Corps to help with the Duncan Park garden.... Rosalind and Mike Georgian will be the purveyors of refreshments at the meeting.

New Members -- Be sure to greet our latest members at the meeting:

**Sue Steiner, Donna Sheridan,
Thomas and Janice Williams**

EDITORIAL — *We’re proud of our expanded membership, but feel obliged to observe that our number of truly active members remains relatively small and constant. While it’s good to have these new numbers, and all members cannot be expected to attend and work on Club projects, we hope that with the upcoming unusual demands, which are in large part temporary, the need can be met by more membership participation*