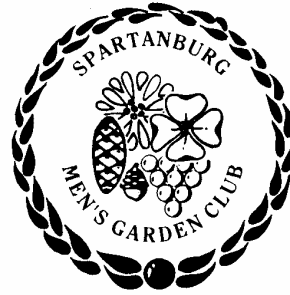


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Meeting: April 17, 2006, 7:00 PM
Place: The Arts Center, 385 Spring St.,
Spartanburg, SC.
Program: Jenny Osterman, Executive Director,
Spartanburg Nutrition Council. Her talk
will concern plants for best nutrition. She

will also tell us the plans for the new
Farmers Market at the railway station—a project
organized by the Nutrition Council.

Spring Plant Sale -- Our annual major fund raiser,
held in conjunction with Hatcher Garden, is scheduled
after the convention on Saturday, April 29. The
container garden is full and the variety outstanding--

perhaps the best yet. Harold Wolfe and helpers has the area well organized, publicity is planned, and Henry Pittman's plant lists are in order. The job of pricing the stock is presently being handled by Henry, J. T. Clark, and Jess Taylor. If you have last minute additions to the inventory--be sure to notify those in charge. We expect to have interesting items added by George Gunter, and Everette Lineberger has a new source for Comanche Red crape myrtle. We'll need much membership participation for success: sales assistance, car parking, etc.

Hatcher Memorial -- Our memorial to Harold, which we expect to have sited by the signature pecan tree at the Garden, and its sculptor, Clint Button, were the subject of an article by Gary Henderson in the *Spartanburg Journal* weekly paper's latest issue. The article relates that Clint once lived in one of Harold's rental houses, and has a special affinity for the Garden. He's now working with a four-ton four foot square of Eagle Blue granite from Georgia. The memorial will be quite different from the various religious icons he has previously sculptured at his Boiling Springs studio.

National Convention --As this bulletin goes to press, registration for the convention exceeds 170 --and is still rising. It appears that we have reached our breakeven point financially, and that we are on the road to a successful affair. There is still much to do, but our leadership and committees seem to have problems in hand. Chairpersons Don Crowder and Linda McHam are doing a great job. A number of our local membership have signed up to attend. We hope for the best of recent National conventions. Watch for

Herald Journal coverage about the 14th of this month.

Bob Hamilton notes that he will need a few assistants at the registration center on April 20. If you can give him some help, 579-7182.

Landscape Evaluation tours — The big day was last Saturday when thirty (!!!) members gathered on a showery morning for coffee and doughnuts at the Chamber of Commerce conference room to receive their clipboards and instructions from Bob Almond for our annual tours of participating businesses-- this time, 47 locations. The completion of the evaluation process of the landscapes will be at the awards ceremonies (also at the Chamber) to be held Tuesday, May 2 at 4:30 PM. The Chamber tells us that they are planning to “upgrade” this ceremony with new presentations and speakers. Your attendance is again invited.

Adopt-a-highway program — Our North Pine Street crew did a fine community service cleanup Saturday March 18. Participants were Meg Stroupe, Gisela Otto, Henry Pittman, Nancy Williamson, Jane and Jack Turner, Howard Toole, Jeff Hayes, Mort Sams, and Don Crowder. *Thanks!*

Miscellany — Dianne Fergusson has proposed to the Urban Youth Corps that they supply a team of ten teenagers to spend time with the Kudzu Coalition.. Tasso Ghionis has groomed the Ezell Spot of Pride--and added some “knockout” roses and blue rug juniper supplied by George Gunter....Martha and Wendell Tiller will provide refreshments at our meeting.... Greet four **new members**: Julie Dugan, M. L. Cates, Jr., Sam and Iva Pratt.