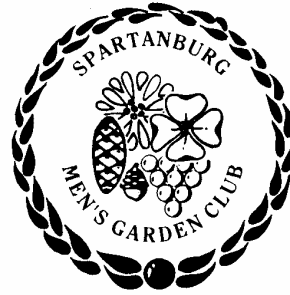


# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

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October 12, 2005

**Meeting:** Monday, October 17, 2005, 7:00 PM

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

**Program:** Our speaker is Dr. Steve Jeffers of Clemson University who will address “Sudden oak death and other pathologies”. Dr. Jeffers, a PhD from Cornell University, is Clemson’s expert in plant pathologies. We’ll learn about the very real problem with oaks.

**Fall Plant Sale** – Our annual sale, which is the principal fund raiser for our Club, will be held on Saturday October 22d,

and October 29<sup>th</sup> , at the container garden section of Hatcher Gardens. On the 22d, Hatcher Gardens will also have their sale of perennials. Hours will be from 9 AM to 3PM.

After prolonged discussion – and Jim Bagwell’s analysis of past sales results, your Board of Directors determined that most of our dollar results were in the first day of the sale, with dwindling volume in the three following Saturday sales as previously scheduled. We believe that with appropriate publicity and effort we can achieve desired results with the shortened program.

The quantity of plants to sell is great, and the condition good. However, much work needs to be done to prepare for the sale – particularly because of the disruption caused by the moving of plants during the installation of the new watering system earlier in the summer. Harold Wolfe and David Kyle have set up a meeting to determine pricing and to finalize the inventory. Also, they plan some reorganization of the stock. Henry Pittman is handling publicity, including some flyers that will be available at the meeting. Take some and help distribute to stores, clubs, etc. More at the meeting about how you can help.

**Election of 2006 Officers** – At our meeting we will vote on the proposed slate (below) and ask for any nominations from the floor. Any new nominations must be with the prior approval of the candidate. Jim Bagwell, Chair of the nominating committee, presents the following: President- Everette Lineberger, Vice President – Harold Wolfe, Secretary – Linda McHam, Treasurer – Jim Bagwell, Asst. Treasurer – Bob Hamilton, Editor – Tom Bartram, Immediate Past President – Don Crowder, Hatcher Board Representative – Tom Bartram, National Director, Blue Ridge Region – Henry Pittman. Directors (one year) : Betty Ball, Newt Hardie, J.T. Clark, Bill Wilson, John Williams, Stan Klotz. Directors (two years): Tasso Ghionis , David Kyle, Susan McDowell, Dianne Fergusson, Linda Cobb, Terrie Rourke. Directors emeritus ; Bob Almond, Tom Bartram, Henry Pittman, Jess Taylor.

**Litter Pickup** – Susan MacDowell thanks her team which participated in the “Keep Spartanburg Clean” October 1<sup>st</sup> pickup. Pretty fair turnout: Susan, Dianne Fergusson, Valerie Hare, Bob Reynolds, J. T. Clark and Maegan MacDowell.

**Picnic Report** – Everything fell into proper place for our annual picnic last month. The weather was fine, the “Windjammers” music was entertaining and appreciated, and there was just enough food to go ‘round. Betty Ball planned for attendance of 75, and there were 75 present. Great event – and many kudos for Betty!

**2006 National Convention** – Linda McHam and Don Crowder have scheduled a progress meeting with heads of committees October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at Hatcher. It is important that committee heads attend and be prepared to report.

**Membership renewals** – The effort to get everyone paid up by November 1<sup>st</sup> seems to be on schedule. As of last week we had 92 renewals Jim can take your payments at the meeting: \$35. single, \$45. family.

**Special event for gardeners:** Dr. Mike Dirr, who will be a principal speaker at next Spring's convention, has scheduled a program on trees at Lander University in Greenwood Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Free – but must register with Jimmy Walters at 864 910 0139, cell 374 7111.

**Miscellany** – Tasso Ghionis still has calendars for sale to support our scholarship efforts...We understand Linda McHam and George Gunter are developing plans for our dwindling number of flower gardens...the Library is taking over the maintenance of the Flag Garden we established...We're hoping to have an emissary to visit the GOA/MGC directors meeting in Ohio next month to spread the word about our Convention plans...Dr. Clay Turner, Retired Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent – and a Master Gardener, will be our speaker at November's annual meeting – we look forward to his presentation

**Healthy lawns, healthy property values** – According to the National Gardening Association, eight out of ten households spend appreciable time maintaining their lawns and gardens. In 2003 consumers spent a total of \$37.9 billion on lawn care, landscaping, and tree care services. And the figure is rising.

It is estimated that landscaping can add 7% to 15% of a property's worth. Even something as simple as a mature tree can increase value as much as \$1,000 to \$10,000, according to the Council for Tree and Landscape Appraisers. Sounds like gardening and lawn management really pay off!

**And** – Speaking of burgeoning businesses, here's a quote from a recent "New Yorker" magazine: "Lawns cover 50,000 square miles of the United States – approximately the size of Pennsylvania."

Tom Bartram, Editor