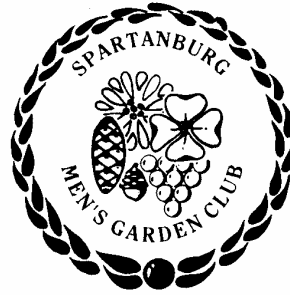


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November 16, 2005

**Program :** *2005 ANNUAL MEETING* November 22d **7.00 PM**

**Place :** **Spartanburg County Library**, Henry & Church Streets, Spartanburg, SC. – in the Barrett Room.

**Speaker :** **Dr. Clay Turner**, retired Rector of Spartanburg's Episcopal Church of the Advent. Dr. Turner announces his subject as "**The Why of Gardening**".

At this meeting **John Poole**, Executive Director of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, will introduce and install

our officers and directors for Anno 2006.

The new slate is reflected on the reverse of this bulletin. Following the meeting, there will be refreshments organized by Rosalind and Mike Georgian.

**Tree and Plant Sale** – This year we experimented with the concept of reducing the number of sale dates from our long- time schedule of four Saturdays to just two. And, we succeeded. Saturday October 22d, the first day, was an outstanding success. The following Saturday was much less, but the two day total was clearly in line with our previous years – **and**, our sales total for the year, including the successful Spring sale, was a new yearly high! Special credit goes to the organizers of the sale – Harold Wolfe, David Kyle, publicist Henry Pittman, Jess Taylor - to name a few. Everette Lineberger contributed with his planning of our orders and his radio interview spots, George Gunter and his reasonably priced high quality stock aided, and the twenty members who turned out to assist the first day contributed much. Jim Bagwell did his usual effective job of handling the individual purchases. **Great job !**

**And now** – back to work on the container garden. A new inventory is required, many plants need to be “upgraded” to larger pots, and orders placed for new material to be planted this winter. A **work day** will be scheduled – sign up at the meeting!

**Tree Planting Projects** – Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, the outstanding amounts due for the completion of the plantings at the interchanges along Rte 221 have been paid. Our benefactors are: Tom Moore Craig, Jordan Oil, Roebuck Building, Peggy Wilson, Dianne Fergusson, and Jerry Wyatt.

We’ve supplied trees for planting at Miracle Hill (St Johns St. at Fremont), and are using some of the larger trees from the container garden as replacements on Drayton Road and at 221/ I-26 junction.

**Kudzu Coalition** – Lou Adams and Barbara Daniels have designed a new internet website for the coalition. ([www.KOKudzu.com](http://www.KOKudzu.com)) Newt Hardie is looking for new site locations in the City and at Boiling Springs.

**National Convention** – Don Crowder and Linda McHam held a planning and reporting session for committee heads recently. It was well attended, and there was much interchange of ideas from the group. Seems as if things are on schedule. Also, Henry Pittman, as our Blue Ridge Director, attended a National director’s meeting held in Youngstown, Ohio. Henry spread the word about the upcoming convention here. He reports that many of the group in attendance remember very favorably the National Director’s meeting here a few years ago.

**Learning tree project** – Dianne Fergusson, who directs the youth program activities of our Club, has suggested that we serve as the sponsor of this program which will be held at Hatcher Garden. The program results from Dr. Jack Turner's water ecology project at USC-Upstate, and will involve some 500 kids from K to 5 in five sessions with instructors recruited by Hatcher's education committee. Your Board has approved the funds for our sponsorship.

**Miscellany....**The winter edition of *The Spartanburg Magazine* contains a fine article about our Everette Lineberger which leads in with .."the former minister now master of irises" and notes that he's President of our Club....Jeff Hall at Hatcher is now planting a large new Ericaceae garden that, while not yet complete, already looks great. This garden honors Walter Soderberg, our long-term leader and friend. While the Club donated some funds for this project, Walter's family was the principal financial support....

**Bulb blooms and busts** – For all the lovely innocence that bulbs display in bloom, they have been involved in some strange goings-on during the course of history. Undoubtedly the most bizarre of these was "tulipomania", a tidal wave of speculation in which tulips were traded in the manner of stocks and bonds. "Tulipomania" engulfed Europe in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, peaking in Holland between 1634 and 1637.

The real madness began when Dutch bulb growing gave way to speculation, which was nothing but high-stakes gambling. Beginning in 1634, rich men and poor men- servants, butchers, and bakers, vied to buy bulbs of likely strains, even though the bulbs had not yet bloomed, confident that they could sell the contractual rights to them at a higher price. Since the contracts specified only future delivery of real bulbs, traders could buy and sell them without seeing them, as in modern futures markets. To raise money, people mortgaged houses, pawned jewels, and sold tools of trade. Finally the government forbade speculation and the Dutch resumed solid businesses. They produce over two billion bulbs per year.

But this wasn't the end of the story In the 18<sup>th</sup> century a craze for hyacinths swept over Europe. One specimen named "Admiral Liefken" sold for the equivalent of \$20,000.in England. Later when dahlias were in vogue in France, a single prized plant was exchanged for a rare diamond.....**And**, this is the time to plant some good inexpensive daffodils, crocuses, and tulips