

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

The Seedling – August 2016

The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: Aug 23, 2016

Occasions, 286 East Front Street
Burlington NC

Speaker: **CHESTER HONEYCUTT**



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A message from President Tony Abbruzzi

Greetings gardeners,
As I sit down to write this, I am in the midst of going through the preps for my colonoscopy tomorrow morning so if this little note doesn't flow well there's a reason. I'm sure that I'll be flowing well in the very near future.

If you were at last month's meeting, then you know that all of our officers are staying on in 2017 with the exception of Wayne, our secretary. Dirk Sprenger has volunteered to serve as Secretary (if elected) so we are in need of a Seedling Edi-

tor. Please consider serving as editor, I don't want to see the Seedling disappear because no one is interested. Wayne has done an outstanding job as secretary and the entire club will miss his comprehensive meeting minutes. Our program for October is "The Year in Review, What Worked and What Didn't." Please take some time and jot down the successes, challenges, and failures you experienced in this year's garden so we can have a robust conversation later this year. I still have openings for

May and August in our 2017 schedule of programs. Please consider volunteering to present a program or invite someone who you know to do so. Our program for August is "Fall is for Planting" presented by Chester. This should be an excellent program. I am Looking forward to seeing you on the 23rd, bring a friend!

"Nobody ever drowned in his own sweat."

- Ann Landers

Happy gardening,

Tony

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What are you planting this Fall?

Get some expert tips from Master Gardener Chester Honeycutt at our club meeting 8/23.



<u>Program</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Club Meeting</u>
Fall is for Planting	Chester Honeycutt	8-23-2016
Maintaining Lawn and Garden Power Equipment	Justin Hammock, Alamance Outdoor Equipment, NC	9-27-2016
Year in Review—What worked well & what did not in your garden	Tony Abruzzi—moderator	10-25-2016
Bamboo in NC	David Benfield	11-22-2016

Birthdays and Jokes

So, I phoned a few members to get some jokes and see how their health was. Tony Caminiti, turning 75 on Sept. 1, gave me this joke: What do you call a cow with no legs? (hamburger). This from one of his 4 grandchildren. Tony was a policeman for 26 years and served in the Army and did security work for years at Tiffany's and Macys in NYC.

Then I phoned Dick Annand and Doc Mundy. Both wise men who asked not to be associated with these jokes. Dick who will be 81 on August 29, says to me the reason that Dudley **had** to give up The Seedling was he was losing his hair. Happy Birthday to you fellas! No joking!

Don related the following story and mentioned that "today 8/16 is his 47th wedding anniversary" so congrats to him as well. Doc's beach trip story: a young woman got stung by jellyfish on her ankles and tells boyfriend of her pain, he says do you have any peanut butter? She: no, why? He: We could have had peanut butter and jelly fish! (a true story) All three gentlemen are doing well.

Dirk is losing his hair too, but enjoying retirement immensely.



**Register now for Chatham Co. Cooperative Extension
Fall Pollinator Garden Workshops and Tours**

<u>Details for all sessions</u>	Day	Date	Time
Contact Debbie Roos to enroll	Monday	9/12	1:00—5 PM
Debbie.roos@chathamnc.org	Saturday	9/17	ditto
Class size is 20.	Tuesday	9/20	9:00am—1:00pm

The information above was extracted from Tony's email. Thanks for early notice.



Praying Mantis that suddenly landed next to me while I was wondering where to get a photo for the August Issue..... Did she hear my musings? (on our porch 8-17-2016) DWS.

The Mens Garden Club website committee, also known as the WWW committee, met on July 5 at Ruby Tuesday and here are some highlights of our meeting.

- Present: Dirk Sprenger, Kurt Moore and Garey Johnson.
- Copyright and trademark issues were discussed.
- Site Purpose and a budget of ~10 bucks per month was suggested.
- Garey Johnson volunteered to be the webmaster.
- Ad space on the website was discussed to help the website pay for itself but not earn a profit.
- Next meeting date to be announced.

Summary by: Dirk Sprenger

August 17, 2016

Short rows and messages of thanks

THINK GREEN THURSDAYS in Alamance County for September

The topic on 9/8 is "FALL LAWN CARE"

The topic on 9/29 is "SO YOU WANT TO BE A MASTER GARDENER"

From the editor: As I ponder the weeds taking over my cucumber patch, I ask each of you gentleman to plant more seeds. Plant encouragement and kindness everywhere. Some of us will plant a Fall Garden and some can not, but all of us are in a season of life where our wisdom is more valuable than artichokes and caviar. Therefore, drop a line to a friend today, volunteer more to help the Garden Club, or give more time and talent to Peacehaven, 4-H clubs, Alamance FFA or the other groups that we support as a club. I recently phoned Robert Pease and he kindly retrieved some lost club records and delivered them to Dudley. I thank Jim Drummond for giving me the needed encouragement to reach out to him.

A US Army soldier from Germany is visiting us this week. His nickname is "M." His time in Hillsborough will be brief, but since he is our son-in-law he has a special place in our hearts; and I hope to introduce you to him before he returns to work. I am proud of you for supporting all the men and women in uniform. We all pray for their safety.



Ron Namest thanks Chester Honeycutt for planting his new Japanese Maple, it is getting a lot of sun now and needs more rain. Ron is getting stronger every day on his journey to recovery.

Volunteers needed: To echo Tony's message, please consider helping with the Newsletter in 2016.



Also, The Alamance Childrens Mental Health Office has asked the Club to help with landscaping.

Tony Abbruzzi will be providing more information soon on this so Check your email for it.

Please submit articles and photos of your garden projects to Dirk Sprenger for the next newsletter.