

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

The Seedling – September 2016

The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: Sept 27, 2016

Occasions, 286 East Front Street
Burlington NC

Speaker: **Justin Hammock**



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A message from President Tony Abbruzzi

Greetings gentlemen,
Hopefully you are doing well and surviving the hot and dry weather. During August's meeting you were encouraged to take soil samples and submit them to the county extension office on Graham-Hopedale Rd. I received my results back after only two weeks. I planted buckwheat as a green manure crop and to provide both nectar and pollen for my honeybees. It is a quick growing green manure crop that flowers in only four or five weeks. It suppresses weed growth, builds organic

matter in the soil, and attracts beneficial insects. Buckwheat can also increase the availability of phosphorus and micronutrients for follow-on crops.

A **big thank** you is extended to Tony Burch, Dick Annand, Bob & Raquel Held, Nancy Abbruzzi, and Sam Moser for their participation in the 9-11 Walk of Remembrance. Our club was very well represented.

With the exception of August our program schedule is complete. If you would like to present a program next August, or know someone who might, please contact him or her.

This month Justin Hammock, the owner of Alamance Outdoor Equipment and one of his mechanics, will talk to us about maintaining our lawn and garden power equipment. If you have questions about winterizing your lawn mower, weed whacker, or rototiller you may not want to miss this one.

"Fairest of the months!
Ripe summer's queen
The hey-day of the year
With robes that gleam with
sunny sheen
Sweet August doth appear."
- R. Combe Miller

Take care, I'll see you on the 27th, please invite a friend.

Happy gardening,

Tony

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President: Tony Abbruzzi

Treasurer: Alvis Webster

Vice President: Joe King

Chaplain: Melvin Martin

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Thanks to Chester for an excellent program last month. The watering advice has been applied during this dry spell at our homes.



Program

**Maintaining Lawn and
Garden Power Equipment**

**Year in Review—What
worked well & what did
not in your garden**

Bamboo in NC

Speaker

Justin Hammock and one of his Mechanics

Tony Abruzzi—moderator

David Benfield

Club Meeting

9-27-2016

10-25-2016

11-22-2016

Birthdays

Tony Caminiti, September 1.

Joe King, September 22

Congratulations to each of these faithful club members.

Happy Birthday, We wish you many more.



**Photos from the
2016 NC Gourd
Festival, Raleigh
NC**

September 10-11





Dirk Sprenger and his wife attended part of the Annual Meeting and Festival of the NC gourd society and learned a bit about using stencils and wood burning equipment to decorate gourds. Also, resources for growing tips were collected.

Above left: a manger scene

Left: Mushrooms and a chess set made of tiny gourds.

Above: A decorative house for upscale birds and their friends.

Short rows and messages of thanks

The 9th Annual Colfax Persimmon Festival in Colfax NC is 1 month away.

\$10.00 each, Date: 10/22. Time: 10:00 am— 4:00 pm

<http://colfaxpersimmonfest.com> See Alvis for more information.

(rain date is October 29, same time, same place) They have a facebook pg.



The garden club will not have a monthly meeting during December 2016.

Thanks to Occasions Restaurant for serving us this year.

Did you plant a Fall Garden? Tell about it in the Seedling!



Elections are in November

Nominees for club offices:

Pres. Tony Abbruzzi

VP. Joe King

Chaplin Mel Martin

Sec. Dirk Sprenger

Treas. Alvis Webster

Newsletter Editor to be appointed. Kurt has indicated he can begin doing this in late January.

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