

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC



Next Meeting: September 26, 2017 — Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

Sam Moore—"Growing Apples in the Piedmont"

A Message from President Tony Abbruzzi

Greetings gentlemen,

September has arrived and with it some of the best weather of the year. I just returned from visiting my granddaughters, son and daughter-in-law in San Francisco. We had an awesome visit with a trip to Napa and Clos du Val Winery where I tasted a \$150-dollar wine that answered the question; is there really a difference between a \$15-dollar bottle of wine and a \$150 dollar of wine. The answer is YES,

there sure is! I have never in my life had a better glass of wine than I had at Clos du Val. It truly was the nectar of the gods. We also attended a San Francisco Giants game during the hottest day in recorded San Francisco history, 111 degrees. Being a baseball fan I was in my element, especially since the last place Giants won by a walk-off home run.

Returning home, I attended a class on the Fundamentals of Rose

Care at Witherspoon Rose Care in Durham. As usual, the class was spot on and well done.

As I write this note we are awaiting the arrival of hurricane Irma on the Florida peninsula hopefully there will be no loss of life and the state will weather the storm without catastrophic results. Also, let's hope it doesn't come our way.

This month we

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September 26 is
National Johnny
Appleseed Day
More national days at
<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/>

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are seeking members that desire to run for club office. The following offices need to be filled: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

These officers have agreed to remain however, if you would like to throw your hat into the ring please do so: Chaplain, Editor, and Member at Large/Public Affairs.

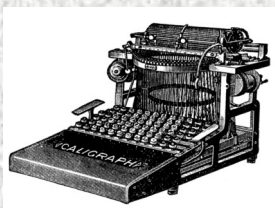
If you are interested in any office, please email me so we can place your name on the ballot. The offices must be filled, those members currently serving have done a superb job and we are grateful for their service. Please give volunteering for office serious thought, we need fresh leadership.

"But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head ... The harvest has dwindled, and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer relationship that brought it on."

- Robert Finch

Happy gardening, Tony

Editor's corner



Send me your news!

This is your newsletter! Please feel free to send me content that you would like to share with your fellow members—upcoming events, gardening tips, resources, websites and online tools, things learned, recipes using things from your garden, deals and other great bargains, etc. **If you send me a website, please also include a sentence or three about why it is useful, important, why you like it, or some info that I can pass along in the newsletter.**

Please send to me via email to bikehasher@gmail.com and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Thanks. Kurt.

Member's Birthdays

Tony Caminiti—1st Joe King—22nd

Note: anyone who has not sent in your birthday, please do so. Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!



Important Agenda Items for September Meeting

Please consider volunteering for open positions for club officers for 2018. The following offices need to be filled: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. However, you may nominate yourself or someone else for any of the positions.

August Meeting Highlights

The highlight of the August meeting was the presentation by Gene Stafford about the upcoming 10th annual Persimmon Festival on November 4 and about the Stafford Farm where it is held. The NC State Fair is almost here and deadlines for entry are coming up soon. Deadlines vary by category, but the Horticulture deadlines are Sept 25 at 11:59pm for online entries and paper entries must be post marked or hand-delivered by 4 pm Sept 25. Good luck!



Persimmon Facts

- Persimmons, consisting of nine species (*Diospyros spp.*), are native to Asia and the Americas.
- Only the Asian or Japanese persimmon (*D. kaki*) has been cultivated and as a result bears much larger fruit than its wild cousins. Some specimens are found in Burlington yards, with one on the east side of Shadowbrook just north of Harris Teeter.
- North American varieties in the U.S. (*D. virginiana*) and Texas (*D. texana*) are edible, but must be very ripe late in the fall.
- China accounts for 43% of world commercial production of persimmons.
- Persimmons are not a good source of vitamins and nutrients, except the American variety is high in vitamin C and iron.
- Persimmons are in the same genus as Ebony (*D. ebenum*), but is not a good substitute as it cracks easily.
- Persimmon wood was used in the early 20th century for the manufacture of high quality golf clubs—woods—until metal drivers became more popular.

Area Plant Sales—Updated!

Fall planting is getting close. Below are some of the upcoming area plant sales. If you know of others, please let me know by Sept 10, so I can include them in the next news letter.

Sept 15-16 — Forsyth County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers Fall plant sale, Winston-Salem.

Sept 20 — Alamance County Extension Master Gardener volunteers Fall plant sale, Burlington (**please note corrected date**)

Sept 20-22—ACC Fall Plant sale (new event)

Sept 29-30 — NC Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale featuring native plants. Chapel Hill, NC

Sept 30 — Duke Gardens Fall Plant sale, Durham, NC



From the Members

Hey! We need your input

About anything goes, but for October send us a couple of things about what worked and what didn't work this past year; what you learned, what you will do next year



How to keep furry pests out of your garden: *Courtesy of Bob Held*

Squirrels: www.smilinggardener.com/organic-pest-control/how-to-keep-squirrels-out-of-the-garden/

Rabbits: www.smilinggardener.com/organic-pest-control/how-to-keep-rabbits-out-of-the-garden/

Deer: www.smilinggardener.com/organic-pest-control/how-to-keep-deer-out-of-the-garden/

Moles/Voles/Gophers: www.smilinggardener.com/organic-pest-control/how-to-get-rid-of-moles-and-voles/

How to keep other pests out of your garden or yard: *from the Editor*

Kids: <https://reolink.com/how-to-keep-annoying-kids-off-your-property-while-you-are-away/>

Neighbors: www.legalzoom.com/articles/neighbor-disputes-what-to-do-when-your-neighbor-invades-your-property

