

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington, NC



Next Meeting: October 24, 2017 — Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

Members— What worked and didn't work this year.

A Message from President Tony Abbruzzi

Greetings gardeners,

The nomination committee has been busy identifying members that have agreed to serve as officers for 2018. Dirk has agreed to be president and Wayne will back him up as vice president. Harry will serve as secretary and Dudley will handle the public relations and member-at-large duties. A simple majority vote is required to officially place these men in office and we will do so in

November. You probably noticed that we do not have a treasurer. We need someone to step up and take the books from Alvis. This position is critical and must be filled! Alvis has done it for a few years now and due to his failing eyesight cannot continue. It is time for members to get off their apathy and be men of action. If you can serve as treasurer please contact me, Jim Drummond, Dirk, or Bob Held.

No treasurer translates to no club; think about it.

It's October and by now you have probably put your garden to sleep or are tending a fall garden. In either case our program this month is all about you and your garden or lawn. Please come prepared to talk about what worked for you this year and what didn't. What will you do differently next year? What do you wish you

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had done and what do you wish you had not done? This type of program is especially useful for members that are new to our area or new to gardening. If you have seeds you would like to swap, please bring them along.

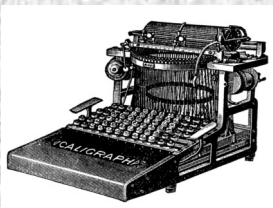
Take care,

Tony

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

— Abraham Lincoln

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

Kurt Moore—9th

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 October Meeting

Be prepared to discuss what worked and what did not work in your gardens this summer.

We still need a nomination or volunteer to be Treasurer for 2018.

September Meeting Highlights

The highlight of the September meeting was the presentation by Sam Moore about growing apples in the Piedmont. Freebies were brought in by club members—Bob Held brought Cuban oregano (*Plectranthus amboinicus*—more at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plectranthus_amboinicus) and Chester Honeycut brought in Walking Onions. Note from the editor: We've used Cuban oregano as a flavoring in soups. It works!



Fall/Winter Planting Guide for the Central NC Piedmont

Vegetables/Nuts/ Herbs/Melons	Days to Harvest/ Harvest Season	Distance 'tween Plants	V N H M	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
Bay	Continuous		H	T	T	
Cabbage, Chinese	T = 45–55; S = 75–85	12	V	T		
Garlic	B = 180-210	4–6	V	B	B	B
Lettuce, head	T = 45–60; S = 70–85	10	V	T		
Onions, bulb	B = 75–105; S = 90–120	4	V	S	S	S
Scallions	60-80		V	B		
Spinach	50–60	6	V	S		

Tiller (and Garden Equipment) Repair

Submitted by Wayne Smith

Back in the spring of 2017, my tiller had a gas leak; I talked to a friend at the gym and he gave me the following name:

Dean Stockwell, owner, SAMSAR EQUIPMENT REPAIR

30+ years experience: tractors, mowers, pressure washers, generators, chainsaws, trimmers, mobile service welding etc.

Call or text [336 382 9165](tel:3363829165); leave message if no answer and I will return your call asap

Note: Dean lives in Graham and his shop is behind his house. He worked at John Deere at one time! I would use him again.

Wayne Smith

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From the Members



An espaliered *Camelia sasanqua* submitted by Dick Annand.

Espalier (/ɪˈspæliər/ or /ɪˈspæli.ɛɪ/) is the horticultural and ancient agricultural practice of controlling woody plant growth for the production of fruit, by pruning and tying branches to a frame. Plants are frequently shaped in formal patterns, flat against a structure such as a wall, fence, or trellis, and also plants which have been shaped in this way. More at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Espalier>

Our night blooming orchid cactus (*Epiphyllum oxypetalum*) provided several blooms over the summer. Known as Queen of the Night and Night Blooming Cereus, this very fragrant bloom starts only after dark, blooms only for one night and closes down at dawn. Submitted by Kurt Moore. Photos by Gail Moore.

