

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington, NC



Next Meeting: November 28, 2017 — Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

Professor Michael Strickland - "Elon Community Garden".

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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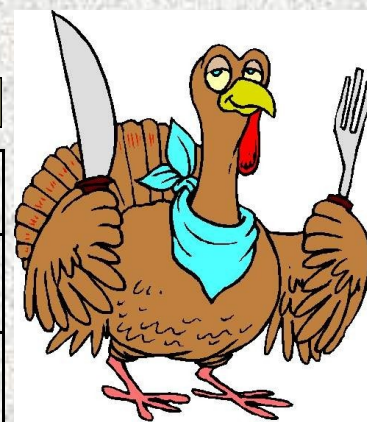
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Vice President: Joe King	Chaplain: Melvin Martin
Secretary: Dirk Sprenger	Editor: Kurt Moore



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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.

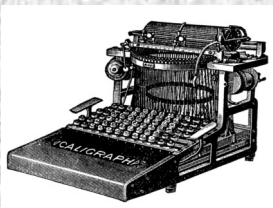
Take care,

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

Bob Held—26th

Note: Newer members, please send in your birthdays. I currently do not have birthdays for Anthony Burch, Joes Castagna, Todd Mundy, Harry Porthouse and Steve Wright. Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!



Important Agenda Items for November Meeting

The November meeting will focus on the election of officers for 2018. The current slate of nominations include President—Dirk Sprenger, Vp—Wayne Smith, Secretary—Harry Porthouse, Member at Large—Dudley Clinard. We still need a nomination or volunteer to be Treasurer for 2018. Appointed positions, Chaplain Melvin Martin and Newsletter Editor Kurt Moore will continue through 2018.

October Meeting Highlights

We had no regular speaker scheduled for the meeting. Instead, members talked about what worked and what did not work in their gardens this past Spring and Summer. Dirk has recorded a list from the members comments and it is in in the minutes. Tony made an appeal for a club treasurer, one of our most vital positions saying that without a treasurer, we won't have a club.



Presentation Topics for 2018 (Final)

Jan	Mark Danieleley "Safe Use and Application of Pesticides"
Feb	Doc & Todd Mundy "Emergency Medicine at Home" - spouses will be welcome. [Who else is getting you to the hospital when you have cut off a toe or had that tree limb you were sawing come down on your head?]
Mar	Chester Honeycutt "Using Pots in The Landscape"
Apr	Dr. Geoff Leister "Ferns and Their Fabulous Fronds"
May	Ms. Deborah Wilson "Herb Gardening"
Jun	Annual Summer Social (formerly called the Picnic)
Jul	Getting to Know our Donation Recipients- Meet and Greet
Aug	Kurt Moore "Prehistoric Horticulture and The Origins Of Agriculture."
Sep	Lee Byrd, John Deere, "Preventative Maintenance and Winterizing your Lawn and Garden Power Equipment."
Oct	Joe King "Home Gardens"
Nov	Tony Abbruzzi "Making Seed Tapes," a hands on event
Dec	No meeting — "Happy Holidays!"

Soil Samples

Note that the Agronomic Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services recently announced that a \$4 fee per sample will be charged to soil samples that arrive at the Soil Lab in Raleigh (not the local county office) during the peak season (Dec-March) for soil sampling. The fee will be based on the date the sample is logged in the system, and **not** the day of arrival which is usually a few days preceding log in. [So probably too late for this year].

<https://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/2016/01/soil-samples-2/>

Looking Ahead:

Some Thoughts for 2018

Contributed by Dudley Clinard

From the Members



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." ~ Audrey Hepburn

"Flowers for me are just things to give to a beautiful woman." ~ Blake Lewis

"In joy or sadness flowers are our constant friends." ~ Okakura Kakuzo

"A garden to walk in and immensity to dream in – what more could he ask? A few flowers at his feet and above him the stars." ~ Victor Hugo

"Love is the flower you've got to let grow." ~ John Lennon

"A gardener learns more in the mistakes than in the successes." ~ Barbara Dodge Borland

"A flower blossoms for its own joy." ~ Oscar Wilde

"Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul."
~ Mario Quintana

"Let us dance in the sun, wearing wild flowers in our hair." ~ Susan Polis Schutz

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." ~ Buddha



Pics from the 2017 Persimmon Festival

Submitted by Dirk Sprenger

