

# The Seedling – January 2018

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## The Men's Garden Club of Burlington, NC



Next Meeting: January 23, 2018 — Bring a guest!  
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

Mark Danieleley - "Safe Use & Application of Pesticides".

### *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Greetings gardeners,

Baby its cold outside. I hope you are in a warm place and making big plans for 2018. As I stir my coffee and thank the Lord that I do not have to go out in this weather to milk a cow, I realize its January again, time to pour through my seed catalogs and time to plan my garden.

I look forward to seeing you this month at our weekly meeting. Mark Danieleley will be speaking **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

about pesticides and how to use them safely. Please come and, if you missed November, please make plans to pay your dues this month. Our treasurer, Alvis, has handed things over to the new treasurer, Ray, and he will be looking for you. Let's thank them both for handling our funds which enables our club to do the things we do for Alamance County horticulture every year.

The business meeting will be brief this month, the only topic I

have is the March volunteer work we will be called on to do at Alamance Community College with their landscaping contest involving many students and guests from other states coming to compete. See you soon, please bring a friend to the meeting.

*"IF YOU HAVE A GARDEN  
AND A LIBRARY (or  
access to a library) YOU  
HAVE EVERYTHING YOU  
NEED." M.T. Cicero,  
106 BC – 43 BC.*

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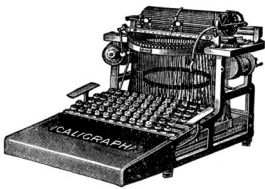
*My New Year's resolution is to use spell checker more often.*

*Best wishes to you and your family,*

*Dirk Sprenger*



## Editor's corner



### Send me your news for 2018!

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](mailto:bikehasher@gmail.com) and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Thanks. Kurt.

### Member's Birthdays

Dirk Sprenger—4th

Alvis Webster—20th

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



### Important Agenda Items for January & February Meetings

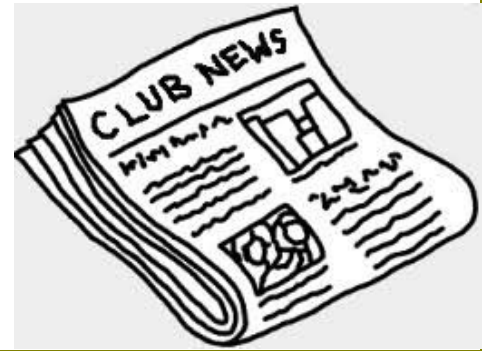
New Year. New officers. New Programs. Let's also try to get some new members as we plan 2018!

**Important reminder that the February meeting** is open to spouses. Doc & Todd Mundy will present "Emergency Medicine at Home". More details on Page 4 (bottom) "More details..."

## December Meeting Highlights

We had no December meeting! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we all look forward to 2018.

Highlights of our last meeting, centered around the election of officers for 2018, appear in the December issue of the Seedling.



## Presentation Topics for 2018 (Final)

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| Jan | Mark Danieleley <b>"Safe Use and Application of Pesticides"</b>   |
| Feb | Doc & Todd Mundy <b>"Emergency Medicine at Home"</b> - 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 <b>"Using Pots in The Landscape"</b>  |
| Apr | Dr. Geoff Leister <b>"Ferns and Their Fabulous Fronds"</b>  |
| May | Ms. Deborah Wilson <b>"Herb Gardening"</b>  |
| Jun | <b>Annual Summer Social</b> (formerly called the Picnic)  |
| Jul | <b>Getting to Know our Donation Recipients-</b> Meet and Greet  |
| Aug | Kurt Moore <b>"Prehistoric Horticulture and The Origins Of Agriculture."</b>  |
| Sep | Lee Byrd, John Deere, <b>"Preventative Maintenance and Winterizing your Lawn and Garden Power Equipment."</b>   |
| Oct | Joe King <b>"Home Gardens"</b>  |
| Nov | Tony Abbruzzi <b>"Making Seed Tapes,"</b> a hands on event  |
| Dec | <b>No meeting — "Happy Holidays!"</b>   |

## Guilford County Extension Service Classes—<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/events>

In addition to Alamance County's Think Green Thursdays ([see page 5 for 2018 schedule](#)), the Guilford County Extension office, also has a large offering of programs taught by staff, Master Gardeners, and other speakers. They have kicked off the year with "Planning the 3-Season Vegetable Garden" at the Greensboro Arboretum, 4-5 pm, January 14 and will be repeated on Jan 16 (6:30-7:30 pm) and 18 (10 am-12 pm), both at the Guilford Extension office. One feature of the Guilford programs is that they are often presented 2-4 times at various locations, dates and times to accommodate various schedules. More information and a list of programs can be found at <https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/events>. Classes are free, but pre-registration is requested. You may also contact Lauren Taubert at 336-641-2400.

From the Members



### **42nd Annual National Collegiate Landscape Competition**

March 14 - 17, 2018

Alamance Community College

[www.landscapeprofessionals.org/collegiate-landscape-competition/collegiate-landscape-competition/schedule.aspx](http://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/collegiate-landscape-competition/collegiate-landscape-competition/schedule.aspx)

This is the big national event coming to ACC and hosted by their Department of Horticulture. Don Sandoval, volunteer coordinator for the event will attend our January meeting. They will need a lot of volunteers and look to groups like ours to ask for volunteers. More info forthcoming.

Don's contact info: 336-343-3923 or [sandydm1951@gmail.com](mailto:sandydm1951@gmail.com)

**Garden Club of Savannah** <http://gardenclubofsavannah.org>, Garden tours April 13-14, 2018

Submitted by Dirk Sprenger

[Editor's Note:] Savannah, along with New Orleans, is noted to have the finest architectural wrought ironwork in the country. Also, the setting for the book "*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*".

### **More Details on the February Meeting Program**

Submitted by Doc & Todd Mundy

The February program will involve the discussion of cardio pulmonary resuscitation. This will involve what to do if a person collapses in your presence. Doc and Todd will go over choking situations in both adults and children. One of the nurses from the cancer center who teaches this course to the general public throughout our county will be in attendance and aid in the discussion. It should be quite helpful for those in attendance. Hope to see everyone at the February meeting.

[Editor's Note:] Please bring your spouse or significant other—they will probably be the ones calling 911 and/or driving you to the hospital.

## Think Green Thursdays are back for 2018

Classes are held at the Horticulture Department, Alamance County Extension Service, 209 N. Graham-Hopedale Rd. Burlington, NC , unless noted otherwise. All classes begin at 10:00 A.M.

Registration Required: Call 336-570-6740 or online @ [Alamance.ces.ncsu.edu](http://Alamance.ces.ncsu.edu)

**Feb 8** - Grapevine Pruning with Andy Zeman

**Feb 22** - Homies and Honeys—What's up with our Native Bees and Honey Bees?

**Mar 1** - Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop at Buster Sykes Demonstration Orchard [**NOTE:** Class to be held at Buster Sykes Demonstration Farm, 2430 Turner Road, Mebane]

**Mar 8** - Pruning Shrubs and Trees—A Renovation

**Mar 22** - Spring Birds—Watch Your Windows!

**Apr 5** - Home Vegetable Gardening

**Apr 19** - The Herb Garden

**May 3** - Warm Season Lawns

**May 17** - Carnivores In Containers—Fееed Mееее!

**Jun 7** - Vermicomposting—Let the Worms do it! [**NOTE:** \$10 materials fee if you want to make your own vermicompost bin or terrarium—you must register]

**Jun 21** - Propagation Workshop—Send In the Clones!

**Jul 12** - Home Landscaping

**Jul 26** - Preserving Your Bounty

**Aug 9** - Fall Lawn Care

**Aug 23** -Garden In A Jar—Terrarium Workshop\*\*

**Sept 6** - Meet the Ferns and their frond Spike.

**Sept 27** - So You Want To Start A Community Garden?

**Oct 11** - Planting Trees and Shrubs

**Oct 25** - Fall Bulbs—Make A Splash Next Spring