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# The Seedling — March 2018

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## The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC



**Next Meeting: March 27, 2018 — Bring a guest!**  
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

**Chester Honeycutt**  
"Using Pots in the Landscape"

### *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Dear members and friends of the Garden Club,

I love the feeling of planting seeds or onions they day before a nice soaking rain. That was my experience the day after our last meeting as I reflected on the fun we had with the CPR anecdotes in February. The recent club meeting was a welcome change with so many ladies present and the dynamic presentation by the professional duo, Todd Mundy and Kim

Dawkins. Many thanks to them for an important program on CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver (and thanks for the door prizes from Kim!).

Now the famous March weather is here - we anticipate more blooms and the next club program to be given by Chester on potted plants in landscapes. A long-time member, Chester Honeycutt will also guide our discussion on the Dogwood Festival Plans. Sign up sheet will

be passed around in March too for you to commit (half a day or more) to this fund raiser which is key for us to support the groups we give to. Save the date: April 28 for Mebane Dogwood Festival.

Please be thinking about the Gardener of the Year selection. Send your nominations to Jim Drummond or to me, and refer to the new guidelines of page 3 of this newsletter.

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I hope you have a sunny day and a productive month. Charles Dickens said “it was one of those March day when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.” And, I might add, when my biological clock gets ticked off as we transition into “daylight savings time”. Don’t you just love March!



See you at the next meeting. Please make an extra effort please to bring a friend and share this issue of the newsletter.

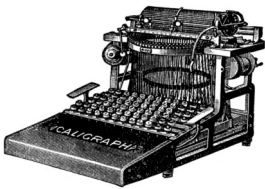
*Dirk Sprenger*

### 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

#### Editor’s corner

learned, recipes using things from your garden, deals and other great bargains, etc. I will update the running list of Spring Plant Sales (see page 6), so if you know of any I have missed, please send me the info.



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

### Member’s Birthdays

Dennis Cox—9th

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



### Important Agenda Items for March Meeting

We’ll be discussing the upcoming annual Mebane Dogwood Festival for April . As in past years Dudley will be distributing 20 raffles tickets to each paid member to sell prior to or at the festival. Please bring \$20 to pay for the tickets up receipt even, as Dudley suggest, you need to beg your wife for additional allowance. Tickets will be mailed to members not in attendance. Our program will be “Using Pots in the Landscape” by Chester Honeycutt. Please note, that is “pots” - plural—just so you aren’t confused about the illegal stuff in the garden.

## February Meeting Highlights



We had a great program on CPR and safety entitled “Emergency Medicine at Home” presented by member Todd Mundy and guest presenter Kim Dawkins and welcomes our spouses to attend and participate. Kim distributed a small safety kit, spare baseball caps and socks to those in attendance from the oncology center. We can all be well-dressed gardeners and remember to wear a hat on sunny days to decrease the chance of skin cancer.

The Gardener of the Year (GOY) Committee has finalized the guidelines (below) approved by the club last year on July 25. Per the guidelines the current nominating committee members for 2018 will be Bob Held (2017), Dirk Sprenger (2016) and Ray Schwartz (2015).

### **Guidelines (not rules) for Selecting Gardener of the Year For Men’s Garden Club of Burlington**

- The nominating committee shall be the last three winners that are still members of MGC OB
- The nominating committee shall be in place at the beginning of the year so they can be evaluating as the year progresses – receiving the *Seedling* and club minutes will be extremely helpful
- The “Year” in Gardener of the year shall begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and end on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- The selection of GOY shall take place at the May meeting to be presented at the June Picnic
- A member can be considered for the honor regardless of how long he has been a member (i.e. If someone joins in say September he can be eligible for the award in May of next year)
- A member cannot be considered for the award if he was one of the last five winners (winners before the last five years can be selected as GOY)
- Since it is “Gardener of the Year” - When evaluating a member for GOY:
  - Emphasis should be placed on activities during the last year – May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Should the need arise (there is no one eligible with a lot of participation) activities from prior years may be considered
- Self-nominations and floor nominations will be encouraged
- If the committee determines that there is a clear candidate, it is not necessary to nominate more than one candidate since nominations may be made both by one’s self and from the floor



## From the Members

**Dirk** is working on the Publicity Committee for the NC Gourd Society to get the word out before the November meeting at the State Fair Grounds. If you like gourds and the art that goes with decorating gourds think about attending the 77th Annual NC Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, first weekend in November.

Saturday, Nov 3: 9am—5 pm , Sunday, Nov 4: 10 am—4 pm

Admission \$2—kids under 16 free

More info at [www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.html](http://www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.html)

(Thanks Dirk!)



## 2018 Plant and Garden Sales

Spring is around the corner and that means that everyone is getting ready for spring gardening, landscaping and plant sales. Here is a list of upcoming “local” (within an hour drive) plant sales. I will keep this list updated, so please me any info on additional event I may have missed.

**April 7-** JC Raulston Arboretum Plant Sale, NCSU, 0900-1600, Raleigh <https://jcra.ncsu.edu/events/details.php?ID=1703>

**April 7**—Duke Gardens, 0800-1200 hrs, Durham <http://gardens.duke.edu/events/plant-sales>

**April 14**—Paul J. Ciener' Botanical Garden, 0800-1300 hrs, Kernersville  
[www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org/upcoming-calendar-events-detail.php?CalendarId=800728250](http://www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org/upcoming-calendar-events-detail.php?CalendarId=800728250)

**April 14**—Chatham Mills Spring Plant Sale, 0800-1200, Pittsboro [www.growingwildnursery.com/pages/upcoming-events](http://www.growingwildnursery.com/pages/upcoming-events)

**April 27-28**—Women’s Resource Center 21st Annual Herb Festival, 0830-1900 (Friday) & 0830-1500 (Sat), Burlington, <http://wrcac.org/herb-festival>

**April 27-28**— 30th Annual Mebane Dogwood Festival [www.mbanebane.com/dogwood-festival](http://www.mbanebane.com/dogwood-festival)

**May 11-12**—Guilford Master Gardeners Pass-along Plant Sale, Ag Extension Service, Greensboro, NC. More info at <https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/MGV+Passalong+Plant+Sale/>

**May 12** - NC Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale and Festival. 3 pm—7 pm, Chapel Hill. <http://ncbg.unc.edu/2018-events/>

Looking ahead for those of you considering landscape planning this year

**Sept 28—29**— NC Botanical Garden Fall Native Plant Sale <http://ncbg.unc.edu/2018-events/>

