

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC



Next Meeting: **Monday, April 23, 2018** **Bring a guest!**
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

Dr. Geoff Leister
"Ferns and their Fabulous Fronds"

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Gentlemen and friends
of the Garden Club,

Please note the meeting
date change (24 hours
earlier) at **Occasions** this
month! Wow!
Remember, that is
Monday, April 23.

We always welcome
Spring and the opening
of the dogwood
blossoms. With that
comes our singular
opportunity to make
our annual appearance
at the Mebane Dogwood
Festival, Saturday, April

28th. Bring your smiling
face and willing hands
and have some fun
spreading the word
about who we are and
what we do. Bring a
chair (in case I forget
mine) and some
sunscreen to keep the
rain away. ;-) ... If you
are new to Mebane or
the Garden Club call any
of the officers (page 1)
and we will fill you in.

We must communicate
our mission, we must
demonstrate
our teamwork and sell
raffle tickets for Seven

Awesome Prizes. It's our
way of funding our
mission for 2018. Our
thanks to the guys who
make the garden
benches and donate the
trees and plants yearly
to maintain our
reputation. People know
when you buy our raffle
tickets or buy a plant
from us they are
supporting a group that
has been doing this and
doing it well (for a
decade).

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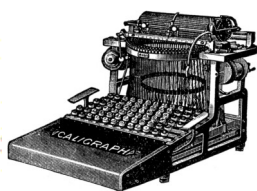
See you on 4/23 and 4/28. Please wear your Club Shirts! Please make an extra effort please to bring a friend and share this issue of the newsletter.

Dirk Sprenger



"If you're not having fun, then you are not doing it right" Jay Nodine DTM

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. **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 to bikehasher@gmail.com and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Thanks. Kurt.

Member's Birthdays

Tony Abbruzzi—3rd Harry Porthouse—4th
Ray Schwartz—23rd Melvin Martin—30th

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 April Meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict, our April meeting will be held a day earlier, on **Monday, April 23**. We will have final plans for the Dogwood Festival as well. Our program will be "*Ferns and their Fabulous Fronds*" by Dr. Geoff Leister. So, please bring a frond, ... er... friend!



March Meeting Highlights

We had a great program on using potted plants to add color to your garden as well as defining space presented by member Chester Honeycutt. He concluded the presentation with a potting demo (picture below). Chester also updated us on preparations for the Mebane Dogwood Festival. Dudley handed out the raffle tickets for sale prior to the festival.



North Carolina Public Gardens

The Extension staff at NCSU has created an interactive map of gardens open to the public across all of NC at <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/public-gardens>. If the map part comes up blank, just click on “View Public Gardens in North Carolina” to take you to the full screen map. Additional directions for using the map under that link. Local gardens listed are the Arbor Gate Teaching Garden at our county extension office and the Elon University Botanical Garden Campus featuring trees. An interactive map for a self guided tour with tree identification can be found at www.elon.edu/assets/projects/map/trees.html. There are several dozen gardens within an hour’s drive of Burlington for an afternoon or day trip this Spring.

Update on Doc Mundy

A couple of members have checked in with Todd Mundy about his dad Don. Todd reports that he is improving some and working with a physical therapist and that he is in good spirits. Please keep Don and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Members

Mark your calendars!
Saturday, May 5
World Naked Gardening Day.



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, 9 am-4pm, Raleigh <https://icra.ncsu.edu/events/details.php?ID=1703>

April 7—Duke Gardens, 8 am—noon, Durham <http://gardens.duke.edu/events/plant-sales>

April 14—Paul J. Ciener' Botanical Garden, 8 am-1 pm, Kernersville www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org/upcoming-calendar-events-detail.php?CalendarId=800728250

April 14—Chatham Mills Spring Plant Sale, 8 am-noon, Pittsboro www.growingwildnursery.com/pages/upcoming-events

April 19-20—ACC Spring Plant Sale, 10am-5pm (Friday) and 10am-7pm (Saturday), Mebane Campus

April 27-28—Women's Resource Center 21st Annual Herb Festival, 8:30am-7pm (Friday) & 8:30am-3pm (Sat), Burlington, <http://wrcac.org/herb-festival>

April 27-28— 30th Annual Mebane Dogwood Festival www.mbanebane.com/dogwood-festival

April 28—Western Alamance High School plant sale. Time approx 8 am—noon

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/>

