

WE HELP GARDENERS GROW

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC



Next Meeting: May 22, 2018 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

Ms. Deborah Wilson
"Herb Gardening"

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Gentlemen and friends of the Garden Club, Fun at the Dogwood Festival in Mebane, yes working together in April was fun. Why do we do what we do? Because we help gardeners grow, and for fun! The friendship we share, at times, leads us to give each other nicknames such as "baldy", "wild Tony", or "trowelman". But in truth, you men are distinguished volunteers who donate time and money year after year to the education of gardeners

(in HS, college and more). The Gardener of the Year designation accomplishes two things as I see it.

First, we recognize by nomination a few good volunteers who went the extra mile. Second, we publish the winner's photo in the Time-News and thereby get free publicity. The best things in life are free, it is said. I just experienced camping in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with 900 miles of trails, and it is

one of the largest such parks with no fee to enter. Camping there with the bugs in a tent is only \$4, which beats staying for free in a giant camper at Wally World, if you ask me. As I think back on what we have all experienced together this year I must thank the speakers who educated us on four different topics so far in 2018, and at no charge. And I thank each of you for your contributions now, and in the months to come.

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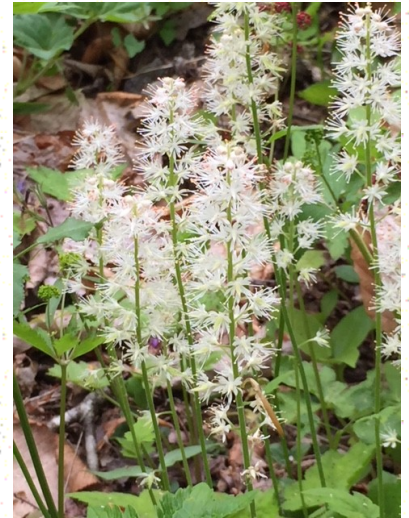


Be thankful and enjoy your garden this week. Look forward to helping Wayne Smith with the May meeting, as I will be off visiting siblings and my daughters in Northern Michigan where I got my start in farming. The best things in life are friends like you! Please show up and have some GOY (guy) fun!!! I will see you at the June (picnic) social.

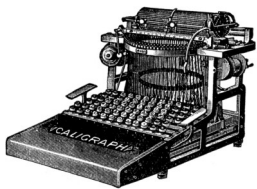
Art Buchwald said: the best things in life are not things!

Dirk Sprenger

Photos from Dirk's trip



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 me and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Thanks. Kurt. (Due to some of my identity being compromised on the web, I will not longer be including it here. Both the old and new ones work.

Member's Birthdays

Ron Namest—21st Jim Drummond—23rd

Chester Honeycutt—27th

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 May Meeting

We will have a summary of activities at the Dogwood Festival in Mebane. Our program will be “Herb Gardens” by Ms. Deborah Wilson. So, please bring a friend or a potential new member! We will also be voting on our annual Gardener of the Year.

April Meeting Highlights

We had a great program on Ferns presented by Dr. Geoff Leister. Great info! Now, we are all experts. Chester also provided final updates and assignments for preparations for the Mebane Dogwood Festival.



Photos from the festival courtesy of Ray Schwartz. Thanks Ray!



From the Members



Hospice Plant Sale

Wayne Smith recently spoke with Fran Sheppard. The Hospice Plant Sale is Wed - Sat., June 6, 7, 8, & 9. She would like for us (Men's Garden Club) to come on Monday & Tuesday, June 4 & 5 to help price and prune plants, and with set-up. This will be held at the Hospice Store on North Church Street, behind CVS, on the edge of Haw River. Wayne plans to print fliers for club members at our next meeting. In past years - we have completed most of the work on Monday. Fran said, she would welcome help all 6 days. Too, she would appreciate help on Monday, June 11th with clean-up and returning racks if anyone is available.

2018 Plant and Garden Sales

Spring is here and that means that everyone is already gardening, landscaping and going to 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.

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. 2 pm—7 pm, Chapel Hill. <http://ncbg.unc.edu/2018-events/>

June 6, 7, 8, 9 - Hospice Plant Sale. At Hospice Thrift Store on North Church Street, behind CVS.

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/>

