

# The Seedling – June 2018

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## The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC



**Next Meeting: June 26, 2018 Bring your spouse!**  
**Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC**

**Annual Social**  
**Gardener of the Year Award**

### *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Ladies and Gentleman,

I truly look forward to our June gathering in Burlington for the Garden Club Social. I have not seen some of you since the last frost and a lot has changed.

The profits from the Dogwood Festival sales and club raffle need to be dispersed soon and, being a core part of our mission, we need to quickly proceed with this. Therefore, your voice is needed. The proposed

allotments will be clearly stated on a sheet prepared by the executive committee and PLEASE look for this sheet at the check-in table when you arrive at the Social in June, at Occasions Restaurant. Members should place their initials on the sheet, by so doing there will be no need to conduct any business, in keeping with our "picnic traditions" on June 26th.

Ray Schwartz, our club treasurer, has been undergoing thyroid evaluations, so please

keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Others have had, or will soon have some surgery and therefore will miss the June meeting. So, your attendance is needed all the more. The games and prizes will be kicked up a notch; you may even win a hot pepper! However, the fellowship and recognition of the accomplishments of many people, including the Gardener of the Year, are the highlight of the evening.

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### JUNE What's in Season?



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The rain has brought many weeding opportunities to our yard. Those jobs and the Gourd Society of NC have filled my days as of late. Before I run out the door to look for Japanese Beetles and Fireflies I want to thank each of you for the part you are playing in making our club an effective force for horticulture and for the education of many students. By this you are planting seeds that will help others grow to have good fruit-bearing lives for many decades.

Please send a photo to Kurt for the next edition of the Seedling. Also, send me your wishes for speakers and programs for 2019.

*"Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."*

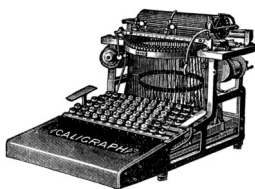
Anonymous Greek Proverb

Happy weeding.....

*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. **I will update the running list of Plant Sales, 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

**I don't have any recorded birthdays for June. If your name should be here, let me know.**

**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 June Meeting

This is our annual social dinner and to announce the 2018 Gardener of the Year. No business meeting, just fun. So, please bring your spouse! We will have games after dinner.





**Dr. Donald "Doc" Mundy**  
**(1942—2018)**

REMEMBERING A FRIEND

On May 30, 2018, Dr. Donald Ashford Mundy lost his courageous battle with cancer...and the MGCB lost a dedicated member and dear friend.

Various MGCB members remember 'Doc' Mundy as follows:

"Dedicated...worked at DW Festival when he was ill...down to earth...unpretentious...never uttered an unkind statement...always had a friendly smile...never lost his positive spirit...always kidded me about having my hand out for money...admired by all who knew him...a good Christian which reflected in his daily life...a twinkle in his eye...an infectious smile".

We are fortunate to have shared a few years of this good, gentle man's life. *Dudley Clinard*

**May Meeting Highlights**

We had a great program on "Herb Gardening" presented by Deborah Wilson. Also, members present voted for "Gardener of the Year", the results of which will be announced at the June Social, our next meeting.



**Fall 2018 Plant and Garden Sales**

Summer is here and plant sales take a lull until the fall planting season. Here is a list of upcoming "local" (within an hour drive) plant sales. I keep this list continually updated, so please send me any info on additional events I may have missed or that you think would be of interest to the club.

**Sept 19**— Alamance County Extension Master Gardener's Plant Sale, Ag Ext Bldg, Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington.

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

Alamance County Extension Master Gardener's Plant Sale, Ag Ext Bldg, Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington.





## From the Members

### Giant Hogweed (alert)

Officials in Virginia are warning residents to be on the lookout after an invasive plant was found Tuesday in the northern part of Virginia can cause third-degree burns and even permanent blindness. (So far, it has not been found in NC). Read about it at:

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2018/06/17/invasive-plant-that-causes-3rd-degree-burns-permanent-blindness-discovered-in-virginia.html>

*Thanks to Ray Schwartz*



### WILD AZALEAS

A couple years ago, Alvis Webster gave us a presentation on wildflowers, which included many native azaleas. Here are a number of varieties from Alvis' yard. *Thanks Alvis!*



Hybrid Meredith Greene STR 20 30E



R. flammeum var. Jake's Red





**Hybrid Norma Strickland RST 18**



***R. calendulaceum* var. Earl's Gold**



***R. austrium* var. Steve Lawrence STR17**



***R. flammeum* Oconee**



***R. Flammeum* Var, Jack Melton**



***R. vaseyi***